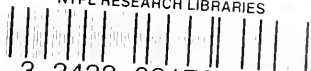


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SENATE OF THE CONFEDERATE STATES.

SECOND CONGRESS, FIRST SESSION, MAY 2, 1864, TO JUNE 14, 1864.

The first session of the Second Congress commenced this day, conformably to the Constitution and laws of the Confederate States, and the Senate assembled at the city of Richmond.

MONDAY, MAY 2, 1864.

PRESENT.

From the State of—

ALABAMA	Robert Jemison, jr.
ARKANSAS	Charles B. Mitchel.
FLORIDA	Augustus E. Maxwell.
GEORGIA	Benjamin H. Hill.
KENTUCKY	Henry C. Burnett.
LOUISIANA	T. J. Semmes. Edward Sparrow.
MISSISSIPPI	A. G. Brown.
MISSOURI	Waldo P. Johnson.
NORTH CAROLINA	William T. Dortch.
SOUTH CAROLINA	James L. Orr.
TENNESSEE	Landon C. Haynes Gustavus A. Henr
TEXAS	W. S. Oldham. Louis T. Wigfall.
VIRGINIA	Allen T. Caperton. R. M. T. Hunter.

The Hon. R. M. T. Hunter, President of the Senate pro tempore, resumed the chair.

Mr. Dortch presented the credentials of the Hon. William A. Graham, elected a Senator by the general assembly of the State of North Carolina for the term of six years, from and after the 17th day of February, A. D. 1864; which were read, and the oath prescribed by the Constitution having been administered to Mr. Graham, he took his seat in the Senate.

Mr. Jemison presented the credentials of the Hon. Richard W. Walker, elected a Senator by the general assembly of the State of Alabama for the term of six years, from and after the 17th day of February, 1864; which were read, and the oath prescribed by the Constitution having been administered to Mr. Walker, he took his seat in the Senate.

Mr. Brown presented the credentials of the Hon. John W. C. Watson, elected a Senator by the general assembly of the State of Mississippi for the term of six years, from and after the 17th day of February, 1864; which were read, and the oath prescribed by the Constitution having been administered to Mr. Watson, he took his seat in the Senate.

The Hon. James M. Baker, from the State of Florida, whose credentials were presented at the last session, attended; and the oath prescribed by the Constitution having been administered to Mr. Baker, he took his seat in the Senate.

The Hon. Robert W. Johnson, from the State of Arkansas, whose credentials were presented at the last session, attended; and the oath prescribed by the Constitution having been administered to Mr. Johnson, he took his seat in the Senate.

The Hon. William E. Simms, from the State of Kentucky, whose credentials were presented at the last session, attended; and the oath prescribed by the Constitution having been administered to Mr. Simms, he took his seat in the Senate.

On motion by Mr. Orr,

The Senate proceeded to the election of a President pro tempore; and The Hon. R. M. T. Hunter was duly elected.

On motion by Mr. Orr,

The Senate proceeded to the election of a Secretary; and on counting the ballots, it appeared that James H. Nash was duly elected.

Mr. Nash attended; and the prescribed oaths were administered to him by the President pro tempore.

Mr. Henry submitted the following resolution; which was considered and agreed to:

Resolved, That Lafayette H. Fitzhugh be appointed Sergeant-at-Arms of the Senate, and that James Page be appointed Doorkeeper of the Senate and John Wadsworth, Assistant Doorkeeper.

Mr. Fitzhugh, Mr. Page, and Mr. Wadsworth severally attended; and the prescribed oaths were administered to them severally by the President pro tempore.

On motion by Mr. Orr,

Ordered, That the Secretary inform the House of Representatives that a quorum of the Senate has assembled, and that the Senate have elected the Hon. R. M. T. Hunter, a Senator from the State of Virginia, President pro tempore, and James H. Nash, Secretary, and are now ready to proceed to business.

On motion by Mr. Orr,

Ordered, That the daily hour of meeting of the Senate be 12 o'clock until otherwise ordered.

A message from the House of Representatives, by Mr. Dalton:

Mr. President: I am directed to inform the Senate that a quorum of the House of Representatives has assembled; that Thomas S. Bocock, one of the Representatives from the State of Virginia, has been chosen Speaker, and Albert R. Lamar, of Georgia, Clerk; and that the House is ready to proceed to business.

The House of Representatives have passed a resolution for the appointment of a committee, jointly with such committee as may be appointed on the part of the Senate, to wait on the President of the Confederate States and inform him that a quorum of each House is assembled, and that Congress is ready to receive any communication he may be pleased to make; and have appointed Mr. Sexton of Texas, Mr. Rives of Virginia, and Mr. Gilmer of North Carolina the committee on their part.

Mr. Johnson of Arkansas submitted the following resolution; which was considered and agreed to:

Resolved, That a committee be appointed, jointly with the committee appointed on the part of the House of Representatives, to wait on the President of the Confederate States and inform him that a quorum of each House has assembled, and that Congress is ready to receive any communication he may be pleased to make.

Ordered, That the committee be appointed by the President pro tempore; and

Mr. Johnson of Arkansas, Mr. Semmes, and Mr. Brown were appointed.

Mr. Johnson of Arkansas submitted the following resolution; which was considered and agreed to:

Resolved, That the Senate will, at half past twelve o'clock to-morrow, proceed to the appointment of the standing committees of the Senate.

Mr. Johnson of Arkansas, from the committee appointed on the part of the Senate, jointly with the committee appointed on the part of the House of Representatives, to wait on the President of the Confederate States and inform him that a quorum of each House has assembled, and that Congress is ready to receive any communication he may be pleased to make, reported that they had performed the duty assigned them, and that the President replied that he would immediately make a communication to the two Houses of Congress.

On motion by Mr. Orr,

Ordered, That the Senate will, to-morrow and thereafter during the present session, meet in the chamber of the Virginia senate.

The following message was received from the President of the Confederate States, by Mr. B. N. Harrison, his Secretary:

To the Senate and House of Representatives of the Confederate States of America:

You are assembled under circumstances of deep interest to your country, and it is fortunate that coming, as you do, newly elected by the people and familiar with the condition of the various localities, you will be the better able to devise measures adapted to meet the wants of the public service without imposing unnecessary burdens on the citizen. The brief period which has elapsed since the last adjournment of Congress has not afforded sufficient opportunity to test the efficacy of the most important laws then enacted, nor have the events occurring in the interval been such as materially to change the state of the country.

The unjust war commenced against us in violation of the rights of the States, and in usurpation of power not delegated to the Government of the United States, is still characterized by the barbarism with which it has heretofore been conducted by the enemy. Aged men, helpless women and children appeal in vain to the humanity which should be inspired by their condition for immunity from arrest, incarceration, or banishment from their homes. Plunder and devastation of the property of non-combatants, destruction of private dwellings and even of edifices devoted to the worship of God, expeditions organized for the sole purpose of sacking cities, consigning them to the flames, killing the unarmed inhabitants, and inflicting horrible outrages

on women and children, are some of the constantly recurring atrocities of the invader. It can not reasonably be pretended that such acts conduce to any end which their authors dare avow before the civilized world, and sooner or later Christendom must mete out to them the condemnation which such brutality deserves. The suffering thus ruthlessly inflicted upon the people of the invaded districts has served but to illustrate their patriotism. Entire unanimity and zeal for their country's cause have been preeminently conspicuous among those whose sacrifices have been greatest. So, the Army which has borne the trials and dangers of the war; which has been subjected to privations and disappointments (tests of manly fortitude far more severe than the brief fatigues and perils of actual combat), has been the center of cheerfulness and hope. From the camp comes the voice of the soldier patriots invoking each who is at home, in the sphere he best may fill, to devote his whole energies to the support of a cause, in the success of which their confidence has never faltered. They, the veterans of many a hard-fought field, tender to their country, without limit of time, a service of priceless value to us, one which posterity will hold in grateful remembrance.

In considering the state of the country, the reflection is naturally suggested that this is the Third Congress of the Confederate States of America. The Provisional Government was formed, its Congress held four sessions, lived its appointed term, and passed away. The Permanent Government was then organized, its different departments established, a Congress elected which also held four sessions, served its full constitutional term, and expired. You, the Second Congress under the Permanent Government, are now assembled at the time and place appointed by law for commencing your session. All these events have passed into history, notwithstanding the threat of our prompt subjugation, made three years ago, by a people that presume to assert a title to govern States, whose separate and independent sovereignty was recognized by treaty with France and Great Britain in the last century and remained unquestioned for nearly three generations. Yet these very Governments, in disregard of duty and treaty obligations which bind them to recognize, as independent, Virginia and other Confederate States, persist in countenancing by moral influence, if not in aiding by unfair and partial action, the claim set up by the executive of a foreign government, to exercise despotic sway over the States thus recognized and treat the invasion of them by their former limited and special agent as though it were the attempt of a sovereign to suppress a rebellion against lawful authority. Ungenerous advantage has been taken of our present condition, and our rights have been violated, our vessels of war detained in ports to which they had been invited by proclamations of neutrality, and in one instance our flag also insulted where the sacred right of asylum was supposed to be secure; while one of these Governments has contented itself with simply deprecating, by deferential representations, the conduct of our enemy in the constantly recurring instances of his contemptuous disregard of neutral rights and flagrant violations of public law. It may be that foreign governments, like our enemies, have mistaken our desire for peace unreservedly expressed for evidence of exhaustion and have thence inferred the probability of success in the effort to subjugate or exterminate the millions of human beings who in these States prefer any fate to submission to their savage assailants. I see no prospect of an early change in the course heretofore pursued by these Governments; but when this delusion shall have been dispelled, and when our independence, by the valor and fortitude of our people, shall have been won against all the hostile influences combined against us, and can no longer be ignored by open foes or professed neutrals, this war will have left with its proud memories a record of many wrongs which it may not misbecome us to forgive, some for which we may not properly forbear from demanding redress. In the meantime it is enough for us to know that every avenue of negotiation is closed against us; that our enemy is making renewed and strenuous efforts for our destruction, and that the sole resource for us as a people secure in the justice of our cause, and holding our liberties to be more precious than all other earthly possessions, is to combine and apply every available element of power for their defense and preservation.

On the subject of the exchange of prisoners I greatly regret to be unable to give you satisfactory information. The Government of the United States, while persisting in failure to execute the terms of the cartel, make occasional deliveries of prisoners, and then suspend action without apparent cause. I confess my inability to comprehend their policy or purpose. The prisoners held by us, in spite of humane care, are perishing from the inevitable effects of imprisonment, and the homesickness produced by the hopelessness of release from confinement. The spectacle of their suffering augments our longing desire to relieve from similar trials our own brave men who have spent so many weary months in a cruel and useless imprisonment, endured with heroic constancy. The delivery, after a suspension of some weeks, has

just been resumed by the enemy, but as they give no assurance of intent to carry out the cartel, an interruption of the exchange may recur at any moment.

The reports of the Departments, herewith submitted, are referred to for full information in relation to the matters appertaining to each. There are two of them on which I deem it necessary to make special remark. The report of the Secretary of the Treasury states facts justifying the conclusion that the law passed at the last session for the purpose of withdrawing from circulation the large excess of Treasury notes heretofore issued, has had the desired effect, and that by the 1st of July the amount in circulation will have been reduced to a sum not exceeding \$230,000,000. It is believed to be of primary importance that no further issue of notes should take place, and that the use of the credit of the Government should be restricted to the two other modes provided by Congress, viz, the sale of bonds and the issue of certificates bearing interest, for the price of supplies purchased within our limits. The law, as it now stands, authorizes the issue by the Treasury of new notes to the extent of two-thirds of the amount received under its provisions. The estimate of the amount funded under the law is shown to be \$300,000,000, and if two-thirds of this sum be reissued, we shall have an addition of \$200,000,000 to our circulation, believed to be already ample for the business of the country. The addition of this large sum to the volume of the currency would be attended by disastrous effects, and would produce the speedy recurrence of the evils from which the funding law has rescued the country. If our arms are crowned with the success which we have so much reason to hope, we may well expect that this war can not be prolonged beyond the current year, and nothing would so much retard the beneficent influence of peace on all the interests of our country as the existence of a great mass of currency not redeemable in coin. With our vast resources, the circulation, if restricted to its present volume, would be easily manageable, and by gradual absorption in payment of public dues, would give place to the precious metals, the only basis of a currency adapted to commerce with foreign countries. In our present circumstances I know of no mode of providing for the public wants which would entail sacrifices so great as a fresh issue of Treasury notes, and I trust that you will concur in the propriety of absolutely forbidding any increase of those now in circulation.

Officers have been appointed and dispatched to the trans-Mississippi States, and the necessary measures taken for the execution of the laws enacted to obviate delays in administering the Treasury and other Executive Departments in those States, but sufficient time has not elapsed to ascertain the results.

In relation to the most important of all subjects at the present time—the efficiency of our armies in the field—it is gratifying to assure you that the discipline and instruction of the troops have kept pace with the improvement in material and equipment. We have reason to congratulate ourselves on the results of the legislation on this subject, and on the increased administrative energy in the different bureaus of the War Department, and may not unreasonably indulge anticipations of commensurate success in the ensuing campaign.

The organization of reserves is in progress, and it is hoped they will be valuable in affording local protection without requiring details and detachments from active force.

Among the recommendations contained in the report of the Secretary of War, your attention is specially invited to those in which legislation is suggested on the following subjects, viz:

The tenure of office of the general officers in the Provisional Army, and a proper discrimination in the compensation of the different grades.

The provision required in aid of invalid officers who have resigned in consequence of wounds, or of sickness contracted while in service.

The amendment of the law which deprives officers in the field of the privilege of purchasing rations, and thus adds to their embarrassment, instead of conferring the benefit intended.

The organization of the general staff of the Army, in relation to which a special message will shortly be addressed to you, containing the reasons which compelled me to withhold my approval of a bill passed by your predecessors at too late a period of the session to allow time for returning it for their reconsideration.

The necessity for an increase in the allowance now made for the transportation of officers traveling under orders.

The mode of providing officers for the execution of the conscript laws.

The means of securing greater dispatch and more regular administration of justice in examining and disposing of the records of cases reported from the courts-martial and military courts in the Army.

The recent events of the war are highly creditable to our troops, exhibiting energy and vigilance combined with the habitual gallantry which they have taught us to expect on all occasions. We have been cheered by important and valuable suc-

cesses in Florida, northern Mississippi, western Tennessee and Kentucky, western Louisiana and eastern North Carolina, reflecting the highest honor on the skill and conduct of our commanders, and on the incomparable soldiers whom it is their privilege to lead. A naval attack on Mobile was so successfully repulsed at the outer works that the attempt was abandoned, and the nine months' siege of Charleston has been practically suspended, leaving that noble city and its fortresses imperishable monuments to the skill and fortitude of its defenders. The armies in northern Georgia and in northern Virginia still oppose with unshaken front a formidable barrier to the progress of the invader; and our generals, armies, and people are animated by cheerful confidence.

Let us then, while resolute in devoting all our energies to securing the realization of the bright auspices which encourage us, not forget that our humble and most grateful thanks are due to Him, without whose guidance and protecting care all human efforts are of no avail, and to whose interposition are due the manifold successes with which we have been cheered.

JEFFERSON DAVIS.

RICHMOND, May 2, 1864.

The message was read.

Ordered, That it lie upon the table and be printed.

The President pro tempore laid before the Senate the reports of the Secretary of War, the Secretary of the Treasury, the Secretary of the Navy, the Postmaster-General, and the Attorney-General.

On motion by Mr. Orr,

Ordered, That they lie upon the table.

On motion by Mr. Haynes,

The Senate adjourned.

TUESDAY, MAY 3, 1864.

OPEN SESSION.

Pursuant to the resolution of yesterday, the Senate proceeded, by ballot, to the appointment of the standing committees provided for by the thirty-first rule of the Senate, and the following committees were appointed:

A Committee on Foreign Relations, consisting of Mr. Orr (chairman), Mr. Wigfall, Mr. Caperton, Mr. Johnson of Missouri, and Mr. Simms.

A Committee on Finance, consisting of Mr. Barnwell (chairman), Mr. Hunter, Mr. Graham, Mr. Semmes, and Mr. Jemison.

A Committee on Commerce, consisting of Mr. Oldham (chairman), Mr. Dortch, Mr. Maxwell, Mr. Haynes, and Mr. Walker.

A Committee on Military Affairs and Militia, consisting of Mr. Sparrow (chairman), Mr. Wigfall, Mr. Burnett, Mr. Henry, and Mr. Johnson of Arkansas.

A Committee on Naval Affairs, consisting of Mr. Brown (chairman), Mr. Baker, Mr. Simms, Mr. Graham, and Mr. Johnson of Georgia.

A Committee on the Judiciary, consisting of Mr. Hill (chairman), Mr. Haynes, Mr. Walker, Mr. Watson, and Mr. Semmes.

A Committee on Indian Affairs, consisting of Mr. Johnson of Arkansas (chairman), Mr. Johnson of Missouri, Mr. Oldham, Mr. Maxwell, and Mr. Caperton.

A Committee on Post-Offices and Post-Roads, consisting of Mr. Mitchel (chairman), Mr. Jemison, Mr. Baker, Mr. Haynes, and Mr. Oldham.

A Committee on Public Lands, consisting of Mr. Baker (chairman), Mr. Henry, and Mr. Johnson of Arkansas.

A Committee on Patents and Patent Office, consisting of Mr. Maxwell (chairman), Mr. Hill, and Mr. Haynes.

A Committee on Claims, consisting of Mr. Burnett (chairman), Mr. Baker, and Mr. Johnson of Missouri.

A Committee on Territories, consisting of Mr. Wigfall (chairman), Mr. Mitchel, and Mr. Barnwell.

A Committee on Accounts, consisting of Mr. Caperton (chairman), Mr. Dortch, and Mr. Simms.

A Committee on Printing, consisting of Mr. Watson (chairman), Mr. Orr, and Mr. Haynes.

A Committee on Engrossment and Enrollment, consisting of Mr. Dortch (chairman), Mr. Caperton, and Mr. Maxwell.

On motion by Mr. Orr,

Ordered, That the Secretary cause a list of the standing committees to be printed for the use of the Senate.

On motion by Mr. Orr,

Ordered, That the report of the Secretary of the Navy be referred to the Committee on Naval Affairs; that the report of the Secretary of the Treasury be referred to the Committee on Finance; that the report of the Secretary of War be referred to the Committee on Military Affairs; that the report of the Postmaster-General be referred to the Committee on Post-Offices and Post-Roads, and that the report of the Attorney-General be referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

On motion by Mr. Orr, and by unanimous consent,

Ordered, That 200 additional copies of the President's message be printed for the use of the Senate.

On motion by Mr. Orr,

Ordered, That so much of the President's message as relates to foreign affairs be referred to the Committee on Foreign Relations; that so much as relates to the finances be referred to the Committee on Finance; that so much as relates to military affairs be referred to the Committee on Military Affairs, and that so much as relates to naval affairs be referred to the Committee on Naval Affairs.

On motion by Mr. Sparrow,

The Senate adjourned.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 4, 1864.

OPEN SESSION.

Mr. Johnson of Arkansas submitted the following resolution for consideration:

Resolved (the House of Representatives concurring), That the President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of Representatives adjourn their respective Houses, sine die, on Monday, the sixteenth day of May, instant, at twelve o'clock meridian.

Mr. Hill presented the memorial of officers of Anderson's brigade, praying a change in the law granting rations to officers of the Army; which was referred to the Committee on Military Affairs.

Mr. Sparrow presented the memorial of Messrs. Wedderburn & Alfriend, proprietors of the Southern Literary Messenger, praying exemption from military service; which was referred to the Committee on Military Affairs.

Mr. Sparrow (by leave) introduced

A bill (S. 1) to provide and organize a general staff for service in the field, to serve during the war; which was read the first and second times and referred to the Committee on Military Affairs.

Mr. Brown (by leave) introduced

A bill (S. 2) for the establishment and equalization of the grades of officers of the Navy, and for other purposes; which was read the first and second times and referred to the Committee on Naval Affairs.

Mr. Dortch (by leave) introduced

A joint resolution (S. 1) of thanks to Major-General Hoke and Commander Cooke and the officers and men under their command for the brilliant victory over the enemy at Plymouth, N. C.; which was read the first and second times and considered as in Committee of the Whole; and no amendment being proposed, it was reported to the Senate.

Ordered, That it be engrossed and read a third time.

The said resolution was read the third time.

Resolved, That it pass, and that the title thereof be as aforesaid.

Ordered, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the House of Representatives therein.

Mr. Graham submitted the following resolution; which was considered and agreed to:

Resolved, That the Committee on Finance be instructed to inquire into the expediency of amending the act to tax, fund, and limit the currency, passed at the last session of Congress, so as to provide that bonds of the Confederate States to be received by any State in pursuance of the twelfth section of said act shall be coupon bonds, and exempt from taxation, and that all Confederate notes of any of the old issues held by any State on the first day of April, eighteen hundred and sixty-four, may, at the option of such State, be exchanged for such bonds, or for Treasury notes of the new issue; and further, that all just demands of any State against the Confederate Government accruing but unpaid, prior to the said first day of April, shall be paid in Treasury notes of the new issue provided for by said act.

Mr. Orr (by leave) introduced

A bill (S. 3) to authorize officers of the Army and Navy to purchase rations; which was read the first and second times and referred to the Committee on Military Affairs.

Mr. Orr presented the petition of employees and detailed men in the Quartermaster's and other departments at Columbia, S. C., praying additional compensation; which was referred to the Committee on Finance.

Mr. Orr submitted the following resolution; which was considered and agreed to:

Resolved, That the Committee on Printing be instructed to inquire and report the causes of delay in executing the printing of the laws passed by the Provisional Congress and other public printing ordered by the Senate during the last Congress, and what, if any, order is necessary to secure its execution.

Mr. Caperton presented the petition of the governor, treasurer, and auditor of public accounts of the State of Virginia, praying that provision may be made for the redemption of the Confederate States Treasury notes held by the State of Virginia on the first day of April, 1864; which was referred to the Committee on Finance.

Mr. Maxwell (by leave) introduced

A joint resolution (S. 2) of thanks to General Finegan and the officers and men of his command; which was read the first and second times and considered as in Committee of the Whole; and no amendment being proposed, it was reported to the Senate.

Ordered, That it be engrossed and read a third time.

The said resolution was read the third time.

Resolved, That it pass, and that the title thereof be as aforesaid.

Ordered, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the House of Representatives therein.

Mr. Johnson of Arkansas (by leave) introduced

A bill (S. 4) to provide means of transit across the Mississippi River for members of Congress residing west of said river in going to and returning from the Confederate States Congress; which was read the first and second times and referred to the Committee on Military Affairs.

On motion by Mr Hill,

The Senate adjourned.

THURSDAY, MAY 5, 1864.

OPEN SESSION.

The Hon. Robert W. Barnwell, from the State of South Carolina, attended.

A message from the House of Representatives, by Mr. Dalton:

Mr. President: The House of Representatives have passed the following resolution; in which they request the concurrence of the Senate:

“Resolved, That the Doorkeeper be directed to furnish to the proper officer of the Senate, for distribution in that body, copies of all bills and other papers printed for the use of this House, and that the Senate be requested to adopt a like rule as to the papers printed for the use of the Senate.”

The Senate proceeded to consider the resolution submitted yesterday by Mr. Johnson of Arkansas, fixing a day for the adjournment of Congress; and

On motion by Mr. Hill,

Ordered, That it be referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Mr. Sparrow submitted the following resolution; which was considered and agreed to:

Resolved, That the Committee on Finance be instructed to inquire—

First. Into the propriety of so amending the first section of the act entitled “An act to levy additional taxes for the common defense and support of the Government,” approved February seventeenth, eighteen hundred and sixty-four, that the value of the property specified in said section shall be estimated at the time of assessment, like other property taxed by said act.

Second. That, should the committee disapprove this change, they then inquire into the expediency of modifying the said first section of the said act so that in estimating the value of the productions paid as tithes, the same shall be estimated according to the value thereof in the year eighteen hundred and sixty.

Mr. Brown (by leave) introduced

A bill (S. 5) to protect Senators and Representatives in Congress from annoyance when traveling in the Confederate States; which was read the first and second times and considered as in Committee of the Whole; and

On motion by Mr. Sparrow, to amend the bill by striking out “against,” line 12, and inserting “without,”

It was determined in the negative.

No further amendment being proposed, the bill was reported to the Senate.

Ordered, That it be engrossed and read a third time.

The said bill was read the third time and the title was amended.

Resolved, That it pass, and that the title thereof be "An act to provide passports for Senators and Representatives in Congress when traveling in the Confederate States."

Ordered, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the House of Representatives therein.

Mr. Johnson of Missouri (by leave) introduced

A joint resolution (S. 3) of thanks to Missouri officers and soldiers in the Confederate service east of the Mississippi River; which was read the first and second times and considered as in Committee of the Whole; and no amendment being proposed, it was reported to the Senate.

Ordered, That it be engrossed and read a third time.

The said resolution was read the third time.

Resolved, That it pass, and that the title thereof be as aforesaid.

Ordered, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the House of Representatives therein.

Mr. Johnson of Missouri (by leave) introduced

A bill (S. 6) for the relief of States holding Confederate securities; which was read the first and second times and referred to the Committee on Finance.

Mr. Dortch (by leave) introduced

A joint resolution (S. 4) for the relief of John D. Southerland; which was read the first and second times and referred to the Committee on Claims.

Mr. Barnwell presented the memorial of officers of the First Army Corps, praying a change in the law granting rations to officers of the Army; which was referred to the Committee on Military Affairs.

Mr. Orr (by leave) introduced

A bill (S. 7) to amend an act entitled "An act to provide for the payment of the interest on the removal and subsistence fund due the Cherokee Indians in North Carolina," so as to authorize the Secretary of War to pay the interest in cash or provisions; which was read the first and second times and referred to the Committee on Military Affairs.

Mr. Orr submitted the following resolution; which was considered and agreed to:

Resolved, That the Committee on Military Affairs be instructed to inquire and report what, if any, legislation is necessary to vacate the commissions of general, field, and staff officers who have no commands or duties to perform.

Mr. Orr submitted the following resolution; which was considered and agreed to:

Resolved, That the Committee on Military Affairs be instructed to inquire and report upon the expediency of reducing the cavalry force now in the service of the Confederate States, in consequence of the scarcity of forage.

Mr. Haynes submitted the following resolution; which was considered and agreed to:

Resolved, That twenty-eight copies of the acts and resolutions of the Provisional Congress, and treaties, with the table of contents, be bound in pamphlet form by the Public Printer, and furnished by him to the Senate for the use of its members.

out of the three thousand copies ordered to be printed by the act of seventeenth of February, eighteen hundred and sixty-two, with an index for each copy; to be furnished to the Senate as soon as printed.

Mr. Henry (by leave) introduced

A joint resolution (S. 5) of thanks to Maj. Gen. N. B. Forrest and his officers and soldiers;

which was read the first and second times and considered as in Committee of the Whole; and

On motion by Mr. Burnett, that the resolution be referred to the Committee on Military Affairs.

After debate.

On motion by Mr. Hill,

Ordered, That the further consideration thereof be postponed until to-morrow.

The President pro tempore laid before the Senate the petition of a convention of banks of Virginia and North Carolina, praying a reduction of the tax imposed on banks by the act of February 17, 1864; which was referred to the Committee on Finance.

Mr. Walker submitted the following resolution; which was considered and agreed to:

Resolved, That the Committee on Finance be instructed to inquire into the expediency of so amending the act to tax, fund, and limit the currency as to provide that transfers by delivery of the four per cent certificates and bonds provided for by said act shall be sufficient to enable the holder to use the same in the payment of his taxes.

Mr. Walker submitted the following resolution; which was considered and agreed to:

Resolved, That the Committee on Finance be instructed to inquire into the expediency of providing by law that all arrears of interest upon the coupon and registered bonds and the interest-bearing Treasury notes of the Confederate States due prior to the first day of April, eighteen hundred and sixty-four, and not heretofore paid, shall be paid in Treasury notes of the new issue.

On motion by Mr. Jemison,

Ordered, That Green T. Hill have leave to withdraw his petition and papers.

Mr. Semmes, from the Committee on Finance, reported

A bill (S. 8) to appropriate money for the payment of certain printing done by the authority of Congress;

which was read the first and second times and considered as in Committee of the Whole; and no amendment being proposed, it was reported to the Senate.

Ordered, That it be engrossed and read a third time.

The said bill was read the third time.

Resolved, That it pass, and that the title thereof be as aforesaid.

Ordered, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the House of Representatives therein.

On motion by Mr. Semmes,

Ordered, That the report of the Secretary of the Treasury, together with the accompanying documents, be printed for the use of the Senate.

On motion by Mr. Hill,

Ordered, That the report of the Attorney-General be printed for the use of the Senate.

On motion by Mr. Sparrow,

Ordered, That the report of the Secretary of War be printed for the use of the Senate.

On motion by Mr. Mitchel,

Ordered, That the report of the Postmaster-General be printed for the use of the Senate.

The following message was received from the President of the Confederate States, by Mr. B. N. Harrison, his Secretary:

RICHMOND, May 4, 1864.

To the Senate and House of Representatives:

I herewith transmit a communication from the Secretary of the Navy, and invite your attention to his request for an early consideration of it.

JEFFERSON DAVIS.

The message was read.

Ordered, That it be referred to the Committee on Naval Affairs.

The following message was received from the President of the Confederate States, by Mr. B. N. Harrison, his Secretary:

RICHMOND, VA., May 5, 1864.

To the Senate and House of Representatives:

I herewith transmit for your consideration two communications from the Secretary of the Treasury, submitting estimates of additional appropriations required for the support of the Government.

JEFFERSON DAVIS.

The message was read.

Ordered, That it be referred to the Committee on Finance.

On motion by Mr. Sparrow,

The Senate resolved into executive session.

The doors having been opened,

On motion by Mr. Johnson of Arkansas,

The Senate adjourned.

EXECUTIVE SESSION.

The following messages were received from the President of the Confederate States, by Mr. B. N. Harrison, his Secretary:

CONFEDERATE STATES OF AMERICA, EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT,
Richmond, May 4, 1864.

To the Senate of the Confederate States:

Agreeably to the recommendation of the Secretary of War, I nominate F. M. Green, of Mississippi, to be colonel of the Eleventh Mississippi Regiment.

JEFFERSON DAVIS.

WAR DEPARTMENT, CONFEDERATE STATES OF AMERICA,
Richmond, May 4, 1864.

SIR: I have the honor to recommend the nomination of F. M. Green, of Mississippi, to be colonel of the Eleventh Mississippi Regiment, to rank from February 19, 1864.

I am, sir, respectfully, your obedient servant,

JAMES A. SEDDON,
Secretary of War.

To His Excellency JEFFERSON DAVIS,
President, &c.

To the Senate of the Confederate States of America:

The action of the Senate on the nominations for field officers of the Eleventh Mississippi Regiment, which occurred on the eve of your adjournment at the last session, was not communicated to me till after the adjournment. I was thus unable to return the nomination of Colonel Green for your reconsideration (his rejection appearing to have been based on an error), and have kept the whole subject open for further action at the present session, when you could be informed of the facts.

The resolution of the Senate is in the following words:

“Resolved, That the nomination of F. M. Green, to be colonel of the Eleventh Mississippi Regiment, be rejected, for the reason that in the opinion of the Senate W. B. Lowry is the senior and ranking officer.”

If the Senate had at the same time suspended its action on the other nominations there could have been no difficulty in awaiting its present session for a settlement of the legal rights of the officers of this regiment, which can not be affected by the action of the Executive or the Senate, or of both combined, inasmuch as they are vested by act of Congress, which has the constitutional power to determine the rules of promotion in the service. But, probably not perceiving in the press of business at the close of the session what would be the result of its action if carried into effect, the Senate confirmed the nominations of the lieutenant-colonel and major, thus subordinating to two of his juniors the senior captain of the regiment, who had been in command of it, to the entire satisfaction of his superiors, for more than nine months, and who had been adjudged to be the senior captain, after an examination of the rights of the different claimants for seniority, at the War Department.

I was compelled, in order to avoid this result, to decline commissioning either of the field officers confirmed by you, leaving each of the captains in his former rank of captain, and leaving Captain Green in command of the regiment till your attention had been called to the case, and full information was placed within your reach.

The law and facts appear to me to admit of but one conclusion, and they are now presented as succinctly as possible:

First. In this regiment, originally enlisted for twelve months, Captain Lowry was senior to Captain Green.

Second. Under the act No. 306 of Provisional Congress (11th December, 1861) Captain Green's company reenlisted for the war, and he was reelected captain under the provisions of the fourth section; and by the terms of the act No. 397 of 15th February, 1862 (which may have been overlooked by the Senate), his commission under this reelection took date from his former commission, so that he is a captain of the year 1861.

Third. On 16th April, 1862, the conscript law was passed at the first session of the Permanent Congress, and by its first section all companies whose original term of service was for twelve months were allowed the privilege of reorganizing and electing officers, “who shall be commissioned by the President.” But Congress did not extend to the officers thus reelected the privilege of back dates to their commissions, which had been accorded by the Provisional Congress to those who voluntarily reenlisted under the bounty and furlough laws.

Only two companies of the Eleventh Regiment volunteered reenlistment, of which Captain Green's was one and Captain Franklin's the other. The remaining companies were reenlisted by conscription. Captain Franklin is no longer in the service. Under the laws as they stand on the statute book, Captain Green's commission is the only one in the regiment that bears date in 1861. The remaining commissions, being all under the conscript act of 1862, are necessarily subsequent to its passage.

It is due to candor to observe that the conclusion reached by the Senate in its resolution that Captain Lowry was the senior captain is in conformity with a general order issued by the War Department on the 9th July, 1862 (General Orders, No. 47, par. 4). But many complaints having been made against the effects of this order, the whole subject was carefully investigated by me, and that order was modified on the 5th March, 1863, by General Orders, No. 24, paragraph 1. When, therefore, in the following May, the question of seniority between Captains Green and Lowry was presented to me for decision, the question of law was no longer open, and nothing remained but to ascertain the facts, which were found to be in accordance with the foregoing narrative.

I now respectfully send again to the Senate the nomination of Captain Green to the office for which it has not been suggested he is incompetent, which he held for many months, and to which, according to my best judgment, he has rights vested in him by the law. I am confident the Senate would never have consented to prejudice those rights if they had been in full possession of the facts.

JEFFERSON DAVIS.

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT, *Richmond, May 4, 1864.*

The messages were read.

Ordered, That they be referred to the Committee on Military Affairs.

The following message was received from the President of the Confederate States, by Mr. B. N. Harrison, his Secretary:

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT, CONFEDERATE STATES OF AMERICA,
Richmond, May 4, 1864.

To the Senate of the Confederate States:

Agreeably to the recommendation of the Secretary of War, I nominate the officers on the accompanying list to the rank affixed to their names, respectively.

JEFFERSON DAVIS.

No. 2.]

WAR DEPARTMENT, CONFEDERATE STATES OF AMERICA,
Richmond, May 3, 1864.

SIR: I have the honor to recommend the following nominations for appointment in the Provisional Army of the Confederate States of America:

ASSISTANT ADJUTANTS-GENERAL.

Colonel.

George B. Hodge, of Kentucky, to take rank from February 19, 1864.

Lieutenant-colonels.

G. A. Henry, of Tennessee, to take rank from February 19, 1864.
W. D. Pickett, of Tennessee, to take rank from March 10, 1864.
E. R. Lubbock, of Texas, to take rank from February 19, 1864.
Charles S. Venable, of South Carolina, to take rank from February 25, 1864.
Charles Marshall, of Maryland, to take rank from February 25, 1864.
J. P. Johnson, of Arkansas, to take rank from April 30, 1864.
Samuel W. Melton, of South Carolina, to take rank from February 18, 1864.
William H. Palmer, of Virginia, to take rank from February 19, 1864.

Majors.

Henry Ewing, of Tennessee, to take rank from February 19, 1864.
Thomas W. Newton, of Missouri, to take rank from February 19, 1864.
Thomas H. Hays, of Kentucky, to take rank from February 19, 1864.
Willis F. Jones, of Virginia, to take rank from February 19, 1864.
L. Masters, of Virginia, to take rank from February 19, 1864.
John Blair Hoge, of Virginia, to take rank from April 22, 1864.
John W. Riely, of Virginia, to take rank from February 18, 1864.
W. N. Starke, of Louisiana, to take rank from February 19, 1864.

Captains.

S. H. Buchanan, of Kentucky, to take rank from February 19, 1864.
Charles S. Morgan, of Virginia, to take rank from February 19, 1864.
John T. Bearden, of Arkansas, to take rank from February 19, 1864.
William Wren, of Louisiana, to take rank from March 9, 1864.
L. D. De Saussure, of South Carolina, to take rank from February 19, 1864.
Frederick Nash, jr., of North Carolina, to take rank from February 20, 1864.
T. B. Heiston, of Kentucky, to take rank from February 19, 1864.
H. H. Bein, of Louisiana, to take rank from February 19, 1864.
C. R. W. Radford, of Virginia, to take rank from February 19, 1864.
William Palfrey, of Louisiana, to take rank from February 19, 1864.
William H. Harman, of Virginia, to take rank from February 19, 1864.
S. P. Duncan, of Louisiana, to take rank from February 19, 1864.
Jos. C. Haskell, of South Carolina, to take rank from February 29, 1864.
G. St. L. Grenfell, of England, to take rank from March 15, 1864.
Richard Walke, of Virginia, to take rank from March 28, 1864.
Joseph W. Duncan, of Missouri, to take rank from April 9, 1864.
J. T. Parrish, of Alabama, to take rank from April 16, 1864.

I am, sir, respectfully, your obedient servant,

JAMES A. SEDDON,
Secretary of War.

To His Excellency JEFFERSON DAVIS,
President, &c.

The message was read.

Ordered, That it be referred to the Committee on Military Affairs.

The following message was received from the President of the Confederate States, by Mr. B. N. Harrison, his Secretary:

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT, CONFEDERATE STATES OF AMERICA,

Richmond, May 3, 1864.

To the Senate of the Confederate States:

Agreeably to the recommendation of the Secretary of War, I nominate the officers on the accompanying list to the rank affixed to their names, respectively.

JEFFERSON DAVIS.

No. 1.]

WAR DEPARTMENT, CONFEDERATE STATES OF AMERICA,

Richmond, May 2, 1864.

SIR: I have the honor to recommend the following nominations for appointment in the Provisional Army of the Confederate States of America:

General.

Lieut. Gen. E. Kirby Smith, of Florida, to take rank from February 19, 1864.

Major-generals.

Brig. Gen. W. B. Bate, of Tennessee, to take rank from February 23, 1864.

Brig. Gen. Robert F. Hoke, of North Carolina, to take rank from April 20, 1864.

Brig. Gen. W. H. F. Lee, of Virginia, to take rank from April 23, 1864.

Brigadier-generals.

Col. A. T. Hawthorn, of Arkansas, to take rank from February 18, 1864.

Col. W. W. Allen, of Alabama, to take rank from February 26, 1864.

Col. R. C. Tyler, of Tennessee, to take rank from February 23, 1864.

Col. H. B. Granbury, of Texas, to take rank from February 29, 1864.

Col. C. W. Sears, of Mississippi, to take rank from March 1, 1864.

Col. W. F. Tucker, of Mississippi, to take rank from March 1, 1864.

Col. Richard L. Page, of Virginia, to take rank from March 1, 1864.

Col. Alpheus Baker, of Alabama, to take rank from March 5, 1864.

Col. Daniel H. Reynolds, of Arkansas, to take rank from March 5, 1864.

Col. Jno. B. Clark, jr., of Missouri, to take rank from March 8, 1864.

Col. James Chesnut, of South Carolina, to take rank from April 23, 1864.

Aids-de-camp—first lieutenants.

Thomas J. Blackmore, of Arkansas, to take rank from February 19, 1864.

Robert L. Robb, of Virginia, to take rank from February 19, 1864.

John W. Jones, of Virginia, to take rank from February 19, 1864.

W. B. Chambliss, of Virginia, to take rank from February 19, 1864.

B. F. Williams, of Kentucky, to take rank from February 19, 1864.

H. M. Lane, of Texas, to take rank from February 19, 1864.

John H. Martin, of Mississippi, to take rank from February 19, 1864.

Gaston Meslier, of Alabama, to take rank from February 19, 1864.

J. C. Herndon, of Texas, to take rank from February 26, 1864.

William M. Forrest, of Tennessee, to take rank from February 19, 1864.

George A. Wardlaw, of South Carolina, to take rank from February 19, 1864.

William P. Dearing, of Georgia, to take rank from February 19, 1864.

Douglas H. Cooper, of Mississippi, to take rank from February 19, 1864.

George W. Stafford, of Louisiana, to take rank from March 9, 1864.

E. W. Pettus, jr., of Mississippi, to take rank from February 19, 1864.

William T. Mason, of Virginia, to take rank from March 19, 1864.

A. Flournoy, jr., of Texas, to take rank from February 19, 1864.

C. C. Whiting, of Virginia, to take rank from February 25, 1864.

Dixon B. Hall, of Alabama, to take rank from March 8, 1864.

William H. Harris, of Mississippi, to take rank from February 19, 1864.

R. J. Manning, of ———, to take rank from April 7, 1864.

William J. Steuart, of Maryland, to take rank from April 7, 1864.

J. H. Martin, of Tennessee, to take rank from March 1, 1864.

Charles T. Pollard, of Alabama, to take rank from April 18, 1864.

George W. Brown, of Kentucky, to take rank from April 16, 1864.

H. C. Armstrong, of Georgia, to take rank from April 20, 1864.

I am, sir, respectfully, your obedient servant,

JAMES A. SEDDON,
Secretary of War.

To His Excellency JEFFERSON DAVIS,
President, etc.

The message was read.

Ordered, That it be referred to the Committee on Military Affairs.

The following messages were received from the President of the Confederate States, by Mr. B. N. Harrison, his Secretary:

RICHMOND, VA., *May 3, 1864.*

To the Senate of the Confederate States:

Agreeably to the recommendation of the Secretary of the Navy, I hereby nominate the persons named upon the annexed list to the offices designated.

JEFFERSON DAVIS.

NAVY DEPARTMENT, CONFEDERATE STATES OF AMERICA, *
Richmond, May 3, 1864.

The PRESIDENT.

SIR: I have the honor to recommend the following nominations for appointment in the Navy for the war, under Act No. 331 of Provisional Congress, approved December 24, 1861:

Assistant surgeons for the war.

James G. Thomas, of North Carolina; Walter E. Bondurant, of Mississippi; James E. Moyler, of Arkansas; Frederick Peck, of Alabama; Hugh S. Paisley, of Alabama; John E. Duffel, of Louisiana; James G. Boxley, of Georgia, and Edmund Goldsborough, of Maryland; all to rank from the 28th day of April, 1864.

I am, respectfully, your obedient servant,

S. R. MALLORY,
Secretary of the Navy.

The message was read.

Ordered, That it be referred to the Committee on Naval Affairs.

RICHMOND, *May 3, 1864.*

To the Senate of the Confederate States:

Agreeably to the recommendation of the Secretary of the Navy, I hereby nominate the persons named upon the annexed list to the offices designated.

JEFFERSON DAVIS.

NAVY DEPARTMENT, CONFEDERATE STATES OF AMERICA,
Richmond, May 3, 1864.

To the PRESIDENT.

SIR: I have the honor to recommend the following nominations for appointment in the Marine Corps:

Second lieutenants.

Henry H. McCune, of Missouri, vice Second Lieut. James Thurston, promoted, to rank from the 14th day of March, 1864.

Edward Crenshaw, of Alabama, vice Second Lieut. F. H. Cameron, promoted, to rank from the 11th day of April, 1864.

I am, respectfully, your obedient servant.

S. R. MALLORY,
Secretary of the Navy.

The message was read.

Ordered, That it be referred to the Committee on Naval Affairs.

Mr. Brown presented a communication from W. B. Lowry in relation to his appointment as colonel of the Eleventh Mississippi Regiment; which was referred to the Committee on Military Affairs.

On motion by Mr. Hill,

The Senate resolved into open legislative session.

FRIDAY, MAY 6, 1864.

OPEN SESSION.

Mr. Caperton presented the petition of Eliza Maury, praying the continuation of a pension to which she was entitled under the Government of the United States; which was referred to the Committee on Claims.

Mr. Caperton submitted the following resolution; which was considered and agreed to:

Resolved, That the Committee on Finance be instructed to inquire and report what amendments, if any, should be made to the act to levy additional taxes for the common defense and support of the Government, approved February seventeenth, eighteen hundred and sixty-four, in relation to the taxes imposed on the property and stock of railroad companies.

Mr. Caperton submitted the following resolution; which was considered and agreed to:

Resolved, That the Committee on Finance be instructed to inquire into the expediency of exempting and releasing from import duties machinery, and materials for repairing the same, imported during the existing war and blockade by railroad companies.

Mr. Hill presented the memorial of the banking institutions of the city of Savannah, Ga., praying a modification of the present tax law; which was referred to the Committee on Finance.

Mr. Burnett, from the Committee on Claims, to whom was referred the joint resolution (S. 4) for the relief of John D. Southerland, reported it without amendment.

The Senate proceeded, as in Committee of the Whole, to the consideration of the said resolution; and no amendment being proposed, it was reported to the Senate.

Ordered, That it be engrossed and read a third time.

The said resolution was read the third time.

On the question.

Shall the resolution now pass?

It was determined in the affirmative,	{ Yeas	18
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On motion by Mr. Burnett,

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present, Those who voted in the affirmative are,

Messrs. Baker, Barnwell, Brown, Burnett, Caperton, Dortch, Graham, Haynes, Hill, Hunter, Jemison, Johnson of Arkansas, Johnson of Missouri, Maxwell, Mitchel, Oldham, Orr, and Wigfall.

So it was

Resolved, That this resolution pass, and that the title thereof be as aforesaid.

Ordered, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the House of Representatives therein.

Mr. Johnson of Missouri submitted the following resolution; which was considered and agreed to:

Resolved, That the Secretary of the Senate transmit to the Clerk of the House of Representatives, for distribution in the House, one hundred and twenty copies of every bill, resolution, and report, printed for the use of the Senate, except resolutions adopted or reports made in executive session.

Ordered, That the Secretary inform the House of Representatives thereof.

A message from the House of Representatives, by Mr. Dalton:

Mr. President: The House of Representatives have passed joint resolutions of the following titles; in which they request the concurrence of the Senate:

H. R. 1. Joint resolution of thanks to the Thirty-fourth and Thirty-eighth regiments of North Carolina troops; and

H. R. 2. Joint resolution of thanks to the Texas Brigade in the Army of Northern Virginia.

The Senate resumed, as in Committee of the Whole, the consideration of the joint resolution (S. 5) of thanks to Maj. Gen. N. B. Forrest and his officers and soldiers; and

On the question to agree to the motion submitted by Mr. Burnett, on yesterday, that it be referred to the Committee on Military Affairs,

It was determined in the affirmative.

So it was

Ordered, That the resolution be referred to the Committee on Military Affairs.

Mr. Johnson of Arkansas, agreeably to previous notice, submitted the following resolution; which was considered and agreed to:

Resolved, That the following rule be adopted and numbered the fifty-first rule of the Senate, to wit:

All joint resolutions giving the thanks of Congress to officers or soldiers of the Army or Navy of the Confederate States shall, on their second reading, be referred to some one of the standing committees of the Senate, unless otherwise ordered by a majority of the Senate.

Mr. Wigfall submitted the following resolutions for consideration:

Resolved, That the Congress of the Confederate States has the undoubted right, during invasion or rebellion, and when the public safety requires it, to suspend the privilege of the writ of habeas corpus, and that while so suspended it is not competent for any Confederate judge to discharge from custody any person held under or by virtue of the authority of the Confederate States.

Resolved, That the State courts, being established by State authority, can in no manner be affected by Confederate legislation, and that therefore an act of the Confederate Congress suspending the privilege of the writ of habeas corpus does not apply to them, and in no wise prevents their exercising such jurisdiction, or issuing such writs, as by the laws of their States they are allowed to exercise or issue.

Resolved, That the State and Confederate governments are separate, distinct, and coordinate governments; that each has its legislative, executive, and judicial departments, and is a perfect government in itself; and that therefore neither can interfere, in any manner, with the legislative, executive, or judicial action of the other; and that the courts of neither can inquire into the legality or illegality of the arrests of persons in custody under or by the authority of the other, or afford such persons any relief.

Resolved, That the Constitution of the Confederate States is, as to the States and between them, a compact; and that each has, as in all cases of compacts between sovereigns, a perfect right to declare its true intent and meaning; and that the citizens of each State are bound by such decision.

Resolved, That as to the citizens of each State, the Constitution of the Confederate States, having been ordained and established by the same authority as their State constitution, is equally supreme and binding over them as their State constitution is; and that the Government established by it, to the extent of its delegated powers, of which the State only is the judge, is as fully empowered to act for them as their State Government; and that when it does so act, their State government, having no supremacy over the Confederate Government, can not release them from their obligation to obey.

The Senate proceeded to consider the said resolutions; and

On motion by Mr. Wigfall,

Ordered, That the further consideration thereof be postponed to and made the special order for Monday next at 1 o'clock, and that they be printed.

On motion by Mr. Semmes,

Ordered, That when the Senate adjourn it be to Monday next.

On motion by Mr. Hill,

Ordered, That the Hon. Edward Sparrow have leave of absence from the sessions of the Senate until Wednesday next.

Mr. Jemison (by leave) introduced

A bill (S. 9) for the relief of Green T. Hill;

which was read the first and second times and referred to the Committee on Finance.

On motion by Mr. Jemison,

Ordered, That the Hon. John W. C. Watson have leave of absence from the sessions of the Senate until Tuesday next.

The joint resolutions (H. R. 1 and H. R. 2) received this day from the House of Representatives for concurrence were severally read the first and second times and referred to the Committee on Military Affairs.

On motion by Mr. Maxwell,

The Senate adjourned.

MONDAY, MAY 9, 1864.

OPEN SESSION.

Mr. Mitchel (by leave) introduced

A bill (S. 10) to aid any State in communicating with and preparing records of its troops;

which was read the first and second times and referred to the Committee on Military Affairs.

Mr. Mitchel (by leave) introduced

A bill (S. 11) to extend the franking privilege;

which was read the first and second times and referred to the Committee on Post-Offices and Post-Roads.

Mr. Watson submitted the following resolution; which was considered and agreed to:

Resolved, That the Committee on the Judiciary be instructed to inquire into the expediency of further legislation with a view to the prevention and punishment of illegal imprisonments, and also for the purpose of making just compensation to citizens from whom private property has been illegally taken for the public use without compensation.

The Senate resumed the consideration of the resolutions submitted by Mr. Wigfall on the 6th instant relative to the suspension of the privilege of the writ of habeas corpus; and

On motion by Mr. Haynes,

Ordered, That the further consideration thereof be postponed until to-morrow.

On motion by Mr. Oldham,

The Senate adjourned.

TUESDAY, MAY 10, 1864.

OPEN SESSION.

A message from the House of Representatives, by Mr. Dalton:

Mr. President: The House of Representatives have passed a bill (H. R. 67) to continue in force and amend the provisions of an act approved January 30, 1864, increasing the compensation of certain officers and employees in the civil and legislative departments in Richmond; in which they request the concurrence of the Senate.

Mr. Sparrow presented the memorial of Earnest Lagarde & Co., proprietors of *The Age*, a monthly periodical published in Richmond, Va., praying exemption from military service; which was referred to the Committee on Military Affairs.

Mr. Graham submitted the following resolution; which was considered and agreed to:

Resolved, That the Committee on the Judiciary be instructed to inquire what legislation is necessary on the subject of costs in cases of condemnation of confiscated property, and especially into the expediency of conforming the fees and commissions thereon of all officers to those for like services in the States where proceedings are had, and omitting all charges for mileage, so as to preserve the moneys realized from such condemnations for the objects designed by the acts of Congress.

Mr. Jemison presented the memorial of Capt. E. B. Vaughan, praying to be released from the payment of certain moneys lost by him while acting as quartermaster in the Army of Tennessee; which was referred to the Committee on Claims.

On motion by Mr. Sparrow,

Ordered, That the Committee on Military Affairs be discharged from the further consideration of the bill (S. 7) to amend an act entitled "An act to provide for the payment of the interest on the removal and subsistence fund due the Cherokee Indians in North Carolina," so as to authorize the Secretary of War to pay the interest in cash or provisions, and that it be referred to the Committee on Indian Affairs.

Mr. Sparrow, from the Committee on Military Affairs, to whom were referred the following joint resolutions:

H. R. 1. Joint resolution of thanks to the Thirty-fourth and Thirty-eighth regiments of North Carolina troops; and

H. R. 2. Joint resolution of thanks to the Texas Brigade in the Army of Northern Virginia;

reported them severally, without amendment.

The Senate proceeded, as in Committee of the Whole, to the consideration of the joint resolutions (H. R. 1 and H. R. 2) last mentioned; and no amendment being proposed, they were severally reported to the Senate.

Ordered, That they pass to a third reading.

The said resolutions were severally read the third time.

Resolved, That they pass.

Ordered, That the Secretary inform the House of Representatives thereof.

Mr. Brown, from the Committee on Naval Affairs, to whom was referred a message of the President of the Confederate States on the subject, reported

A bill (S. 12) to authorize the withdrawal from the Treasury of money contributed to build an ironclad gunboat by ladies of the State of South Carolina, and deposited therein;

which was read the first and second times and considered as in Committee of the Whole; and no amendment being proposed, it was reported to the Senate.

Ordered, That it be engrossed and read a third time.

The said bill was read the third time.

Resolved, That it pass, and that the title thereof be as aforesaid.

Ordered, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the House of Representatives therein.

Mr. Brown, from the Committee on Naval Affairs, reported the following bills; which were severally read the first and second times and ordered to be placed upon the Calendar and printed:

S. 13. A bill to extend to the Navy and Marine Corps the provisions of the third section of an act to organize forces to serve during the war, approved February 17, 1864;

S. 14. A bill to amend an act entitled "An act to provide an invalid corps," approved 17th February, 1864; and

S. 15. A bill to authorize the payment of the actual and necessary expenses of naval officers while traveling under orders.

Mr. Hill, from the Committee on the Judiciary, to whom was referred the resolution submitted by Mr. Johnson of Arkansas on the 4th instant, fixing a day for the adjournment of the present session of Congress, reported it with an amendment.

Mr. Mitchel, from the Committee on Post-Offices and Post-Roads, to whom was referred the bill (S. 11) to extend the franking privilege, reported it without amendment.

The Senate proceeded, as in Committee of the Whole, to the consideration of the said bill; and no amendment being proposed, it was reported to the Senate.

Ordered, That it be engrossed and read a third time.

The said bill was read the third time.

Resolved, That it pass, and that the title thereof be as aforesaid.

Ordered, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the House of Representatives therein.

On motion by Mr. Burnett,

Ordered, That the Committee on Claims be discharged from the further consideration of the petition of Eliza Maury, and that it be referred to the Committee on Naval Affairs.

The bill (H. R. 67) to continue in force and amend the provisions of an act approved January 30, 1864, increasing the compensation of certain officers and employees in the civil and legislative departments in Richmond, was read the first and second times and referred to the Committee on Finance.

The Senate resumed the consideration of the resolutions submitted by Mr. Wigfall on the 6th instant relative to the suspension of the privilege of the writ of habeas corpus; and

After debate,

On motion by Mr. Hill,

The Senate resolved into secret legislative session.

The doors having been opened,

On motion by Mr. Mitchel,

The Senate adjourned.

SECRET SESSION.

Mr. Hill, from the Committee on the Judiciary, reported

A joint resolution (S. 6) to authorize the removal of the public archives and of the Executive Departments of the Government; which was read the first and second times and ordered to be placed upon the Calendar.

Mr. Hill, from the Committee on the Judiciary, reported

A bill (S. 16) to fix the time for the assembling of the Congress at its next regular session, and to authorize the President to convene the Congress at any place other than the seat of government; which was read the first and second times and considered as in Committee of the Whole.

On motion by Mr. Orr, to fill the blank in the first section with "Monday, the seventh day of November."

On motion by Mr. Johnson of Missouri, that the bill lie upon the table,

It was determined in the negative.

On the question to agree to the amendment proposed by Mr. Orr,

It was determined in the affirmative.

The bill having been further amended, was reported to the Senate and the amendments were concurred in.

Ordered, That the bill be engrossed and read a third time.

The said bill was read the third time.

Resolved, That it pass, and that the title thereof be as aforesaid.

Ordered, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the House of Representatives therein.

On motion by Mr. Sparrow,

The Senate resolved into executive session.

EXECUTIVE SESSION.

The following messages were received from the President of the Confederate States, by Mr. B. N. Harrison, his Secretary:

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT, CONFEDERATE STATES OF AMERICA,
Richmond, May 6, 1864.

To the Senate of the Confederate States:

Agreeably to the recommendation of the Secretary of War, I nominate Col. Stand Watie, of Indian Territory, to be brigadier-general in the Provisional Army of the Confederate States, to command Indian Brigade.

JEFFERSON DAVIS.

WAR DEPARTMENT, CONFEDERATE STATES OF AMERICA,
Richmond, May 6, 1864.

SIR: I have the honor to recommend the nomination of Col. Stand Watie, of Indian Territory, to be brigadier-general in the Provisional Army of the Confederate States of America, to command Indian Brigade, to take rank from date of confirmation.

I am, sir, respectfully, your obedient servant,

JAMES A. SEDDON,
Secretary of War.

To His Excellency JEFFERSON DAVIS,
President, &c.

The Senate proceeded to consider said nomination; and

Resolved, That the Senate advise and consent to his appointment, agreeably to the nomination of the President.

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT, CONFEDERATE STATES OF AMERICA,
Richmond, May 7, 1864.

To the Senate of the Confederate States:

Agreeably to the recommendation of the Secretary of War, I nominate the officers on the accompanying list to the rank affixed to their names, respectively.

JEFFERSON DAVIS

WAR DEPARTMENT, CONFEDERATE STATES OF AMERICA,
Richmond, May 6, 1864.

SIR: I have the honor to recommend the following nominations for appointment in the Provisional Army of the Confederate States of America:

MILITARY COURTS.

S. D. Lee's cavalry division.

Col. James Phelan, of Mississippi, presiding judge; Col. T. A. Jones, of Alabama, member; Col. Winchester Hall, of Louisiana, member; Capt. Austin Pollard, of Mississippi, judge-advocate; to take rank from April 6, 1864.

N. B. Forrest's cavalry division.

Col. Alexander McKinstry, of Alabama, presiding judge; Col. Daniel B. Wright, of Mississippi, member; Col. A. S. Marks, of Tennessee, member; Capt. J. M. Scruggs, of Georgia, judge-advocate; to take rank from April 6, 1864.

North Alabama.

Col. L. P. Walker, of Alabama, presiding judge; Col. W. F. Dowd, of Mississippi, member; Col. John Chester, of Tennessee, member; Capt. John F. House, of Tennessee, judge-advocate; to take rank from April 6, 1864.

Presiding judges.

Col. M. D. Graham, of Texas, for duty as judge of court, Holmes' Corps, Trans-Mississippi Department, vice Col. P. W. Gray, declined, to rank from February 19, 1864.

Louis Bush, of Louisiana, for duty as judge of court, Trans-Mississippi Department, vice Colonel Hodge, elected to Congress, to rank from March 9, 1864.

Member.

Col. W. H. Saunders, of Mississippi, for duty as judge of court, Hood's Corps, Army of Tennessee, vice Col. J. B. Sale, resigned, to rank from April 22, 1864.

Judge-advocate.

Capt. O. R. Dawson, of Georgia, for duty as judge-advocate of court, Ewell's Corps, Army of Northern Virginia, vice Capt. D. A. Wilson, promoted, to rank from April 12, 1864.

I am, sir, respectfully, your obedient servant,

JAMES A. SEDDON,
Secretary of War.

To His Excellency JEFFERSON DAVIS,
President, etc.

The message was read.

Ordered, That it be referred to the Committee on Military Affairs.

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT, CONFEDERATE STATES OF AMERICA,
Richmond, May 9, 1864.

To the Senate of the Confederate States:

Agreeably to the recommendation of the Secretary of War, I nominate the officers on the accompanying list to the rank affixed to their names, respectively.

JEFFERSON DAVIS

No. 6.]

WAR DEPARTMENT, CONFEDERATE STATES OF AMERICA,
Richmond, May 5, 1864.

SIR: I have the honor to recommend the following nominations for appointment in the Provisional Army of the Confederate States of America:

ARTILLERY OFFICERS, FOR ORDNANCE DUTY, UNDER ACTS APPROVED APRIL 21, 1862, AND SEPTEMBER 16, 1862.

Lieutenant-colonels.

J. W. Mallett, of Alabama, to take rank from February 19, 1864.
 Thomas L. Bayne, of Louisiana, to take rank from February 19, 1864.
 William Allan, of Virginia, to take rank from March 28, 1864.

Major.

James Harding, jr., of ———, to take rank from April 13, 1864.

Captains.

John S. Tucker, of Missouri, to take rank from February 19, 1864.
 A. F. Pope, of Georgia, to take rank from February 19, 1864.
 J. G. Reynolds, of Georgia, to take rank from February 19, 1864.
 Daniel W. Sublett, of Texas, to take rank from February 19, 1864.
 R. W. Anderson, of North Carolina, to take rank from February 25, 1864.
 C. P. Estill, of Virginia, to take rank from February 25, 1864.
 John M. Perry, of North Carolina, to take rank from February 25, 1864.
 F. W. Dawson, of England, to take rank from April 2, 1864.

First lieutenants.

R. Henry Glenn, of Kentucky, to take rank from February 19, 1864.
 E. Whitfield, of Kentucky, to take rank from February 19, 1864.
 C. D. Fishburne, of North Carolina, to take rank from February 25, 1864.
 G. F. Bason, of North Carolina, to take rank from February 25, 1864.
 T. B. Cabaniss, of Georgia, to take rank from February 25, 1864.
 S. H. Starr, of Georgia, to take rank from February 25, 1864.
 S. F. Fenney, of Georgia, to take rank from February 25, 1864.
 J. L. Scales, of Louisiana, to take rank from February 25, 1864.

Second lieutenants.

L. K. Sparrow, of Virginia, to take rank from February 23, 1864.
 W. A. Edwards, of Missouri, to take rank from March 23, 1864.

I am, sir, respectfully, your obedient servant,

JAMES A. SEDDON,
Secretary of War.

To His Excellency JEFFERSON DAVIS,
President, etc.

The message was read.

Ordered. That it be referred to the Committee on Military Affairs.

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT, CONFEDERATE STATES OF AMERICA,
Richmond, May 7, 1864.

To the Senate of the Confederate States:

Agreeably to the recommendation of the Secretary of the Navy, I hereby nominate the person named upon the accompanying list to the office designated.

JEFFERSON DAVIS.

NAVY DEPARTMENT, CONFEDERATE STATES OF AMERICA,
Richmond, May 4, 1864.

The PRESIDENT.

SIR: I have the honor to recommend the following nomination for appointment in the Navy:

Assistant paymaster.

Levi M. Tucker, of Kentucky, to rank from the 18th day of November, 1863.

I am, respectfully, your obedient servant,

S. R. MALLORY,
Secretary of the Navy.

The message was read.

Ordered, That it be referred to the Committee on Naval Affairs.

Mr. Graham, from the Committee on Naval Affairs, to whom were referred the nominations of James G. Thomas, Walter E. Bondurant, James E. Moyler, Frederick Peck, Hugh S. Paisley, John E. Duffel, James G. Boxley, Edmund Goldsborough, to be assistant surgeons for the war, reported, with the recommendation that all of said nominations be confirmed.

The Senate proceeded to consider said report; and in concurrence therewith, it was

Resolved, That the Senate advise and consent to their appointment, agreeably to the nomination of the President.

On motion by Mr. Orr,

The Senate resolved into open legislative session.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 11, 1864.

OPEN SESSION.

Mr. Wigfall (by leave) introduced the following bills; which were severally read the first and second times and referred to the Committee on Military Affairs:

S. 17. A bill to provide rations for the officers of the Army during the war; and

S. 18. A bill to repeal an act entitled "An act to provide a staff and clerical force for any general who may be assigned by the President to duty at the seat of government."

Mr. Caperton submitted the following resolution; which was considered and agreed to:

Resolved, That the Committee on Finance be instructed to inquire into the expediency of so amending the tax law of the seventeenth February, eighteen hundred and sixty-four, as to provide that no one shall be liable to the penalty therein provided for a failure to deliver his tithe in kind when the articles taxed were the products of the year eighteen hundred and sixty-three.

Mr. Burnett, from the Committee on Military Affairs, to whom was referred the bill (S. 4) to provide means of transit across the Mississippi River for members of Congress residing west of said river in going to and returning from the Confederate States Congress, reported it with an amendment.

The Senate proceeded, as in Committee of the Whole, to the consideration of the said bill; and the reported amendment having been agreed to, the bill was reported to the Senate and the amendment was concurred in.

Ordered, That the bill be engrossed and read a third time.

The said bill was read the third time.

Resolved, That it pass, and that the title thereof be as aforesaid.

Ordered, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the House of Representatives therein.

Mr. Burnett, from the Committee on Claims, to whom was referred the memorial of Capt. E. B. Vaughan, submitted an adverse report.

The Senate proceeded to consider the said report; and in concurrence therewith,

Resolved, That the prayer of the memorialist be rejected.

The Senate resumed the consideration of the resolutions submitted by Mr. Wigfall on the 6th instant relative to the suspension of the privilege of the writ of habeas corpus; and

On motion by Mr. Maxwell,

Ordered, That they lie upon the table.

The Senate resumed the consideration of the resolution submitted by Mr. Johnson of Arkansas on the 4th instant, fixing a day for the adjournment of the present session of Congress; and

On motion by Mr. Orr,

Ordered, That it be transferred to the Secret Legislative Calendar.

On motion by Mr. Orr,

The Senate resolved into secret legislative session.

The doors having been opened,

On motion by Mr. Oldham,

Ordered, That the Hon. Landon C. Haynes and the Hon. Gustavus A. Henry have leave of absence from the sessions of the Senate until Wednesday, the 25th instant.

On motion by Mr. Sparrow,

The Senate adjourned.

SECRET SESSION.

The Senate resumed the consideration of the resolution submitted by Mr. Johnson of Arkansas on the 4th instant, fixing a day for the adjournment of the present session of Congress.

After debate,

On motion by Mr. Graham, that the resolution lie upon the table,

It was determined in the negative.

On the question to agree to the amendment reported from the Committee on the Judiciary; to wit:

Strike out the words "sixteenth day of May, instant."

It was determined in the affirmative.

On motion by Mr. Semmes, to fill the blank in the resolution with "sixth day of June next,"

It was determined in the negative.

On motion by Mr. Caperton, that the resolution lie on the table,

It was determined in the negative.

On motion by Mr. Burnett,

Ordered, That the resolution be transferred to the Open Legislative Calendar.

On motion by Mr. Wigfall, that the vote on passing the bill (S. 16) to fix the time for the assembling of the Congress at its next regular session, and to authorize the President to convene the Congress at any place other than the seat of government, be reconsidered,

It was determined in the negative,	} Yeas----- 6 Nays----- 13
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On motion by Mr. Wigfall,

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present.
Those who voted in the affirmative are,

Messrs. Baker, Burnett, Hunter, Johnson of Missouri, Semmes, and Wigfall,

Those who voted in the negative are,

Messrs. Barnwell, Caperton, Dortch, Graham, Hill, Jemison, Johnson of Arkansas, Maxwell, Oldham, Orr, Sparrow, Walker, and Watson.

So the Senate refused to reconsider the vote on passing said bill.

On motion by Mr. Sparrow,

The Senate resolved into executive session.

EXECUTIVE SESSION.

On motion by Mr. Sparrow,

Ordered, That the Committee on Military Affairs be discharged from the further consideration of the nomination of F. M. Green, to be colonel of the Eleventh Mississippi Regiment; and that it be referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Mr. Sparrow, from the Committee on Military Affairs, to whom were referred (on the 5th instant) the nominations of Lieut. Gen. E. Kirby Smith, to be general; Brig. Gens. W. B. Bate, Robert F. Hoke, to be major-generals; Col. A. T. Hawthorn, H. B. Granbury, C. W. Sears, W. F. Tucker, Alpheus Baker, John B. Clark, jr., to be brigadier-generals; Thomas J. Blackmore, Robert L. Robb, John W. Jones, W. B. Chambliss, B. F. Williams, H. M. Lane, John H. Martin, Gaston Meslier, J. C. Herndon, William M. Forrest, George A. Wardlaw, William P. Dearing, Douglas H. Cooper, George W. Stafford, E. W. Pettus, jr., William T. Mason, A. Flournoy, jr., C. C. Whiting, Dixon B. Hall, William H. Harris, R. J. Manning, William J. Steuart, J. H. Martin, Charles T. Pollard, George W. Brown, H. C. Armstrong, to be aids-de-camp, with the rank of first lieutenant; and of G. A. Henry, W. D. Pickett, F. R. Lubbock, Charles S. Venable, Charles Marshall, J. P. Johnson, Samuel W. Melton, William H. Palmer, to be lieutenant-colonels; Henry Ewing, Thomas W. Newton, Willis F. Jones, L. Masters, John Blair Hoge, John W. Riely, W. N. Starke, to be majors; S. H. Buchanan, Charles S. Morgan, John T. Bearden, L. D. De Saussure, Frederick Nash, jr., T. B. Heiston, H. H. Bein, C. R. W. Radford, William Palfrey, William H. Harman, S. P. Duncan, Jos. C. Haskell, G. St. L. Grenfell, Richard Walke, Jos. W. Duncan, J. T. Parrish, to be captains in the Adjutant-General's Department, reported, with the recommendation that all of said nominations be confirmed.

The Senate proceeded to consider said report; and in concurrence therewith, it was

Resolved, That the Senate advise and consent to their appointment, agreeably to the nomination of the President.

On motion by Mr. Sparrow,

The Senate resolved into open legislative session.

THURSDAY, MAY 12, 1864.

OPEN SESSION.

On motion by Mr. Johnson of Arkansas,

The Senate resolved into secret legislative session.

The doors having been opened,

Mr. Caperton presented the petition of S. Bassett French, praying that certain cotton and stock contributed for the erection of an equestrian statue of Gen. T. J. Jackson be released from taxation and export duties; which was referred to the Committee on Finance.

Mr. Barnwell, from the Committee on Finance, to whom was referred the bill (H. R. 67) to continue in force and amend the provisions of an act approved January 30, 1864, increasing the compensation of certain officers and employees in the civil and legislative departments in Richmond, reported it without amendment.

The Senate proceeded, as in Committee of the Whole, to the consideration of the said bill; and

On motion by Mr. Johnson, of Missouri, to amend the bill by inserting the following proviso:

Provided, That no person shall be entitled to the benefit of this act unless they make an affidavit that they have no other means of subsistence,

It was determined in the negative.

No amendment being made, the bill was reported to the Senate.

Ordered, That it pass to a third reading.

The said bill was read the third time.

Resolved, That it pass.

Ordered, That the Secretary inform the House of Representatives thereof.

The Senate resumed the consideration of the resolution submitted by Mr. Johnson of Arkansas on the 4th instant, fixing a day for the adjournment of the present session of Congress; and

On motion by Mr. Burnett,

Ordered, That it lie upon the table.

On motion by Mr. Burnett,

The Senate resolved into secret legislative session.

The doors having been opened,

On motion by Mr. Hill,

The Senate adjourned.

SECRET SESSION.

A message from the House of Representatives, by Mr. Dalton:

Mr. President: The House of Representatives have passed the following resolution; in which they request the concurrence of the Senate:

Resolved, That a joint committee of the two Houses be appointed whose special duty it shall be to collect intelligence from every reliable source, official or other, touching any movement of the enemy threatening a forcible interruption of the deliberations of Congress, and to concert and report reasonable measures for avoiding a surprise that would involve an interregnum in that department of the Government, a contingency greatly to be deprecated for considerations intimately connected with the public safety and interest."

The Senate proceeded to consider the said resolution; and

On motion by Mr. Graham, to amend the resolution by inserting after "*Resolved*," the words "*(the Senate concurring)*,"

It was determined in the affirmative.

On motion by Mr. Graham, to amend the resolution by adding thereto the following:

Resolved, That the committee consist of three members on the part of the Senate and on the part of the House of Representatives,

It was determined in the affirmative.

The resolution as amended was then agreed to.

Ordered, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the House of Representatives in the amendments.

On motion by Mr. Graham,

Ordered, That the committee on the part of the Senate to collect intelligence touching any movement of the enemy threatening a forcible interruption of the deliberations of Congress, and to concert and report reasonable measures for avoiding a surprise that would involve an interregnum in that department of the Government, be appointed by the President pro tempore; and

Mr. Graham, Mr. Barnwell, and Mr. Brown were appointed.

Mr. Graham and Mr. Barnwell were, on motions severally made by them, excused from serving on said committee; and Mr. Orr and Mr. Semmes were appointed in their stead.

Mr. Semmes was, on his motion, excused from serving on the committee; and Mr. Caperton was appointed in his stead.

On motion by Mr. Barnwell,

The Senate resolved into open legislative session.

The Senate having again resolved into secret legislative session,

On motion by Mr. Burnett, that the vote on agreeing to the resolution of the House of Representatives providing for the appointment of a joint committee of the two Houses to collect intelligence touching any movement of the enemy threatening a forcible interruption of the deliberations of Congress, and to concert and report reasonable measures for avoiding a surprise that would involve an interregnum in that department of the Government, be reconsidered,

It was determined in the negative.

On motion by Mr. Burnett,

The Senate resolved into open legislative session.

FRIDAY, MAY 13, 1864.

OPEN SESSION.

Mr. Walker submitted the following resolution; which was considered and agreed to:

Resolved, That the President of the Confederate States be requested to inform the Senate what steps, if any, have been taken in execution of the act to enable the President of the Confederate States to provide the means of military transportation by the construction of a railroad between Blue Mountain, in the State of Alabama, and Rome, in the State of Georgia, approved October second, eighteen hundred and sixty-two; and what progress, if any, has been made toward the completion of said railroad; and that he be further requested to communicate to the Senate copies of any contracts made in pursuance of said act, and what, if any, portion of the amount appropriated by said act has been issued and applied as therein provided.

Mr. Walker submitted the following resolutions; which were considered and agreed to:

Resolved, That the Committee on Military Affairs be instructed to inquire into the expediency of further legislation with the view to secure the return to their proper commands of deserters from the infantry who have enlisted and are now serving in the cavalry.

Resolved further, That the said committee be instructed to inquire into the expediency of limiting by law the time for which soldiers shall be permitted to serve in the cavalry, and of providing that on the expiration of such period they shall be assigned to service in the infantry and their places supplied by those who have served a similar period in the infantry.

Mr. Brown presented a resolution of the legislature of the State of Mississippi in relation to the recent act of the Congress of the Confederate States suspending the privilege of the writ of habeas corpus; which was read.

Ordered, That it lie on the table and be printed.

Mr. Brown presented a resolution of the legislature of the State of Mississippi, asking the passage of a law relieving the citizens of certain portions of that State whose property has been destroyed by raids of the public enemy from the payment of the tax in kind; which was read.

Ordered, That it lie on the table and be printed.

Mr. Brown presented a resolution of the legislature of the State of Mississippi, asking the passage of a law reducing the ad valorem tax of 5 per cent upon property and credits to $2\frac{1}{2}$ per cent, and to extend the time of the payment of said taxes to the 1st of November, 1864, instead of the 1st of June, 1864; which was read.

Ordered, That it lie on the table and be printed.

A message from the House of Representatives, by Mr. Dalton:

Mr. President: The House of Representatives have passed bills of the following titles; in which they request the concurrence of the Senate:

H. R. 8. An act to authorize the judge of the district court for the northern district of Georgia to change the place of holding said court; and

H. R. 68. An act to exempt railroad companies from the payment of certain duties.

And they have passed joint resolutions of the Senate of the following titles:

S. 1. Joint resolution of thanks to Major-General Hoke and Commander Cooke and the officers and men under their command for the brilliant victory over the enemy at Plymouth, N. C.; and

S. 2. Joint resolution of thanks to General Finegan and the officers and men of his command.

The Speaker of the House of Representatives having signed an enrolled bill, I am directed to bring it to the Senate for the signature of their President.

Mr. Wigfall (by leave) introduced

A bill (S. 19) in reference to staff officers and prescribing their duties;

which was read the first and second times and referred to the Committee on Military Affairs.

Mr. Oldham (by leave) introduced

A bill (S. 20) to establish a bureau of foreign supplies; which was read the first and second times and referred to the Committee on Commerce.

Mr. Caperton submitted the following resolution; which was considered and agreed to:

Resolved, That the Committee on Military Affairs be instructed to inquire into the expediency of so amending the act creating the office of ensign in the Army of the Confederate States, approved February seventeenth, eighteen hundred and sixty-four, as to authorize the appointment of such officer to battalions of infantry.

Mr. Caperton having announced to the Senate that the funeral of Gen. J. E. B. Stuart would take place in this city, this evening, at 5 o'clock, from St. James' Church,

Mr. Orr submitted the following resolution; which was considered and agreed to:

Resolved, That the Senate will, as a body, attend the funeral of General J. E. B. Stuart this afternoon at five o'clock.

Mr. Barnwell, from the Committee on Finance, reported

A bill (S. 21) to amend an act entitled "An act to reduce the currency and to authorize a new issue of notes and bonds," approved 17th February, 1864;

which was read the first and second times and ordered to be placed upon the Calendar and printed.

Mr. Watson, from the Committee on Printing, who were instructed by a resolution of the Senate to inquire and report the causes of delay in executing the printing of the laws passed by the Provisional Congress and other public printing ordered by the Senate during the last Congress, submitted a report (No. 1), accompanied by a bill (S. 22) to secure the prompt printing of the laws of the Confederate States; which was read the first and second times and considered as in Committee of the Whole; and no amendment being proposed, it was reported to the Senate.

Ordered, That it be engrossed and read a third time.

The said bill was read the third time.

Resolved, That it pass, and that the title thereof be as aforesaid.

Ordered, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the House of Representatives therein.

The bills received this day from the House of Representatives for concurrence were severally read the first and second times; and

Ordered, That the bill numbered 8 be referred to the Committee on the Judiciary and that the bill numbered 68 be referred to the Committee on Finance.

On motion by Mr. Mitchel,

The Senate resolved into secret legislative session.

The doors having been opened,

Mr. Dortch, from the committee, reported that they had examined and found truly enrolled

A bill (H. R. 67) to continue in force and amend the provisions of an act approved January 30, 1864, increasing the compensation of certain officers and employees in the civil and legislative departments in Richmond.

The President pro tempore having signed the enrolled bill last reported to have been examined, it was delivered to the Secretary of the Senate and by him forthwith presented to the President of the Confederate States for his approval.

On motion by Mr. Johnson of Arkansas,

Ordered, That the Senate take a recess until half past 4 o'clock p. m., unless sooner convened by the President pro tempore.

HALF PAST 4 O'CLOCK P. M.

On motion by Mr. Johnson of Arkansas,
The Senate adjourned.

SECRET SESSION.

Mr. Johnson of Missouri presented a communication from Thomas C. Reynolds, governor of the State of Missouri, in relation to the vacancy existing in the representation of that State in the Confederate States Senate; which was read.

Ordered, That it be referred to the Committee on the Judiciary and printed in confidence for the use of the Senate.

A message from the House of Representatives, by Mr. Dalton:

Mr. President: The House of Representatives agree to the amendments of the Senate to the resolution of the House providing for the appointment of a joint committee of the two Houses to collect intelligence touching any movement of the enemy threatening a forcible interruption of the deliberations of Congress, and to concert and report reasonable measures for avoiding a surprise that would involve an interregnum in that department of the Government; and have appointed Messrs. Chambers of Mississippi, Lyon of Alabama, and Montague of Virginia the committee on their part.

Mr. Mitchel submitted the following resolution; which was considered and agreed to:

Resolved, That the Committee on Naval Affairs be instructed to inquire what number of war vessels have been constructed, or partially constructed, or put in commission on the James River for the defense of Richmond; where said vessels are; what is their condition and capacity for going into action; if they are ready to meet the vessels of the enemy in battle, and if not why; if they have been delayed in descending the river, and if so from what cause; and finally when it may be expected that they will be ready to attack or receive an attack from the vessels of the enemy.

On motion by Mr. Semmes,

The Senate resolved into open legislative session.

SATURDAY, MAY 14, 1864.

OPEN SESSION.

Mr. Mitchel (by leave) introduced the following bills; which were severally read the first and second times and referred to the Committee on Military Affairs:

S. 23. A bill to provide for the appointment of additional military storekeepers in the Provisional Army of the Confederate States; and

S. 24. A bill to authorize the appointment of additional officers of artillery for ordnance duties.

Mr. Semmes (by leave) introduced

A bill (S. 25) for the relief of the widow and heirs of the late Brig. Gen. Leroy A. Stafford, of the Confederate States Army; which was read the first and second times and considered as in Committee of the Whole; and no amendment being proposed, it was reported to the Senate.

Ordered, That it be engrossed and read a third time.

The said bill was read the third time.

Resolved, That it pass, and that the title thereof be as aforesaid.

Ordered, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the House of Representatives therein.

Mr. Graham (by leave) introduced the following bills; which were severally read the first and second times and referred to the Committee on Finance:

S. 26. A bill declaratory of the meaning of the second section of an

act to reduce the currency and to authorize a new issue of notes and bonds, approved February 17, 1864; and

S. 27. A bill to amend the act to levy additional taxes for the common defense and support of the Government.

Mr. Sparrow, from the Committee on Military Affairs, reported

A bill (S. 28) to amend an act entitled "An act creating the office of ensign in the Army of the Confederate States;" which was read the first and second times and considered as in Committee of the Whole; and no amendment being proposed, it was reported to the Senate.

Ordered, That it be engrossed and read a third time.

The said bill was read the third time.

Resolved, That it pass, and that the title thereof be as aforesaid.

Ordered, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the House of Representatives therein.

Mr. Hill, from the Committee on the Judiciary, to whom was referred the bill (H. R. 8) to authorize the judge of the district court for the northern district of Georgia to change the place of holding said court, reported it with the recommendation that it ought not to pass.

Mr. Hill, from the same committee, also submitted a report (No. 2) in relation to the subject.

A message from the House of Representatives, by Mr. Dalton:

Mr. President: The House of Representatives have passed a joint resolution (H. R. 3) providing for the appointment of a special committee of the Senate and House of Representatives on the subject of impressments; in which they request the concurrence of the Senate.

The joint resolution (H. R. 3) last mentioned was read the first and second times and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

On motion by Mr. Burnett,

The Senate resolved into secret legislative session.

The doors having been opened,

Mr. Johnson of Arkansas submitted the following resolution; which was considered by unanimous consent and agreed to:

Resolved, That the thirty-first rule of the Senate be amended by adding thereto the following:

"A committee on the rules of the Senate, to consist of three members. But in this instance the President pro tempore of the Senate shall select and appoint said committee for the period of the present Congress, any rule to the contrary notwithstanding."

On motion by Mr. Orr,

The Senate resolved into secret legislative session.

The doors having been opened,

Mr. Johnson of Missouri (by leave) introduced

A bill (S. 29) to repeal the naturalization laws; which was read the first and second times and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

On motion by Mr. Sparrow,

The Senate adjourned.

SECRET SESSION.

A message from the House of Representatives, by Mr. Dalton:

Mr. President: The House of Representatives have passed the bill of the Senate (S. 16) to fix the time for the assembling of the Congress at its next regular session,

and to authorize the President to convene the Congress at any place other than the seat of government, with an amendment; in which they request the concurrence of the Senate.

The Senate proceeded to consider the amendment of the House of Representatives to the bill (S. 16) last mentioned; and

Resolved, That they concur therein.

Ordered, That the Secretary inform the House of Representatives thereof.

On motion by Mr. Orr, the vote on agreeing to the motion, submitted on yesterday, to print the communication from Thomas C. Reynolds, governor of the State of Missouri, in relation to the vacancy existing in the representation of that State in the Confederate States Senate, was reconsidered.

The Senate proceeded to consider the said motion; which was amended and agreed to as follows:

Ordered, That 50 copies of the communication from Thomas C. Reynolds, governor of the State of Missouri, in relation to the vacancy existing in the representation of that State in the Confederate States Senate, be printed in confidence for the use of the Senate.

The Senate proceeded, as in Committee of the Whole, to the consideration of the joint resolution (S. 6) to authorize the removal of the public archives and of the Executive Departments of the Government; and no amendment being proposed, it was reported to the Senate.

Ordered, That it be engrossed and read a third time.

The said resolution was read the third time.

Resolved, That it pass, and that the title thereof be as aforesaid.

Ordered, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the House of Representatives therein.

On motion by Mr. Orr,

Ordered, That when the Senate adjourn to-day it be to meet at 12 o'clock on Monday next, unless sooner convened by the President pro tempore.

On motion by Mr. Sparrow,

The Senate resolved into executive session.

EXECUTIVE SESSION.

The following messages were received from the President of the Confederate States, by Mr. B. N. Harrison, his Secretary:

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT, CONFEDERATE STATES OF AMERICA,
Richmond, May 14, 1864.

To the Senate of the Confederate States:

Agreeably to the recommendation of the Secretary of War, I nominate the officers on the accompanying list to the rank affixed to their names, respectively.

JEFFERSON DAVIS.

WAR DEPARTMENT, CONFEDERATE STATES OF AMERICA,
Richmond, May 14, 1864.

SIR: I have the honor to recommend the following nominations for appointment in the Provisional Army of the Confederate States of America:

Lieutenant-general.

Maj. Gen. Richard Taylor, of Louisiana, to be lieutenant-general in the Provisional Army of the Confederate States of America, to rank from April 8, 1864.

Major-general.

Brig. Gen. J. B. Gordon, of Alabama, to be major-general in the Provisional Army of the Confederate States of America, to rank from May 14, 1864.

I am, sir, respectfully, your obedient servant,

J. A. SEDDON,
Secretary of War.

To His Excellency JEFFERSON DAVIS,
President, etc.

The Senate proceeded to consider the nomination of Brig. Gen. J. B. Gordon, of Alabama, to be major-general; and in concurrence therewith, it was

Resolved, That the Senate advise and consent to his appointment, agreeably to the nomination of the President.

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT, *Richmond, May 8, 1864.*

To the Senate of the Confederate States:

Agreeably to the recommendation of the Secretary of War, I nominate D. G. Purse, of Georgia, to be military storekeeper of engineers, with rank of captain of infantry, under act approved February 17, 1864.

JEFFERSON DAVIS.

WAR DEPARTMENT, CONFEDERATE STATES OF AMERICA,
Richmond, May 8, 1864.

SIR: I have the honor to recommend the nomination of D. G. Purse, of Georgia, to be military storekeeper of engineers, with rank of captain of infantry in the Provisional Army of the Confederate States of America (under act approved February 17, 1864), to date from March 24, 1864.

I am, sir, respectfully, your obedient servant,

JAMES A. SEDDON,
Secretary of War.

To His Excellency JEFFERSON DAVIS,
President, etc.

The message was read.

Ordered, That it be referred to the Committee on Military Affairs.

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT, CONFEDERATE STATES OF AMERICA,
Richmond, May 14, 1864.

To the Senate of the Confederate States:

Agreeably to the recommendation of the Secretary of War, I nominate Col. B. D. Fry, of Alabama, to be brigadier-general in the Provisional Army of the Confederate States of America.

JEFFERSON DAVIS.

WAR DEPARTMENT, CONFEDERATE STATES OF AMERICA,
Richmond, May 11, 1864.

SIR: I have the honor to recommend the nomination of Col. B. D. Fry, of Alabama, to be brigadier-general in the Provisional Army of the Confederate States of America, to rank from date of confirmation.

I am, sir, respectfully, your obedient servant,

JAMES A. SEDDON,
Secretary of War.

To His Excellency JEFFERSON DAVIS,
President, etc.

The message was read.

Ordered, That it be referred to the Committee on Military Affairs.

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT, CONFEDERATE STATES OF AMERICA,
Richmond, May 11, 1864.

To the Senate of the Confederate States:

Agreeably to the recommendation of the Secretary of War, I nominate the officers on the accompanying list to the rank affixed to their names, respectively.

JEFFERSON DAVIS.

No. 8.]

WAR DEPARTMENT, CONFEDERATE STATES OF AMERICA,
Richmond, May 7, 1864.

SIR: I have the honor to recommend the following nominations for appointment in the Provisional Army of the Confederate States of America:

ENGINEERS.

Colonel.

A. L. Rives, of Virginia, to take rank from March 17, 1864.

Lieutenant-colonels.

John J. Clarke, of Virginia, to take rank from March 17, 1864.

John A. Williams, of Texas, to take rank from March 17, 1864.

M. Meriwether, of Tennessee, to take rank from March 17, 1864.

Majors.

George B. Pickett, of Kentucky, to take rank from March 17, 1864.

Conway R. Howard, of Virginia, to take rank from March 17, 1864.

William F. Foster, of Tennessee, to take rank from March 17, 1864.

Samuel R. Johnston, of Virginia, to take rank from March 17, 1864.

Captains.

F. Y. Dabney, of Mississippi, to take rank from March 17, 1864.

Henry C. Force, of Alabama, to take rank from March 17, 1864.

D. G. Campbell, of Alabama, to take rank from March 17, 1864.

Henry J. Rogers, of Minnesota, to take rank from March 17, 1864.

W. D. Stuart, of North Carolina, to take rank from March 17, 1864.

W. G. Bender, of Maryland, to take rank from March 17, 1864.

J. W. Smith, of Virginia, to take rank from March 17, 1864.

G. H. Hazlehurst, of Georgia, to take rank from March 17, 1864.

C. M. Randolph, of North Carolina, to take rank from April 2, 1864.

F. Gardner, of Alabama, to take rank from April 2, 1864.

First Lieutenants.

L. A. Dade, of Virginia, to take rank from March 17, 1864.

D. E. Henderson, of Virginia, to take rank from March 17, 1864.

M. B. Grant, of Georgia, to take rank from March 17, 1864.

P. C. Johnson, of Virginia, to take rank from March 17, 1864.

J. M. Freret, of Louisiana, to take rank from March 17, 1864.

E. A. Ford, of Mississippi, to take rank from March 17, 1864.

H. B. Cozzens, of Mississippi, to take rank from March 17, 1864.

T. R. Price, jr., of Virginia, to take rank from March 17, 1864.

J. M. Fairbanks, of Florida, to take rank from March 17, 1864.

B. L. Blackford, of Virginia, to take rank from March 17, 1864.

F. R. R. Smith, of Tennessee, to take rank from March 17, 1864.

J. M. Comper, of Georgia, to take rank from April 2, 1864.

D. W. Currie, of North Carolina, to take rank from April 2, 1864.

George R. McRee, of Georgia, to take rank from April 2, 1864.

James A. Corry, of Georgia, to take rank from April 2, 1864.

Second Lieutenants.

E. J. White, of South Carolina, to take rank from March 17, 1864.

H. M. Graves, of Maryland, to take rank from March 17, 1864.

John C. Gilmer, of North Carolina, to take rank from March 17, 1864.

W. K. Park, of Virginia, to take rank from March 17, 1864.

F. M. Hall, of South Carolina, to take rank from March 17, 1864.

M. M. Farrow, of South Carolina, to take rank from April 2, 1864.

M. S. Elliott, of South Carolina, to take rank from April 2, 1864.

Charles McCalley, of Texas, to take rank from April 2, 1864.

J. N. Turner, of North Carolina, to take rank from April 2, 1864.

G. H. Browne, of Georgia, to take rank from April 2, 1864.

I am, sir, respectfully, your obedient servant,

JAMES A. SEDDON,
Secretary of War.

To His Excellency JEFFERSON DAVIS,
President, &c.

The message was read.

Ordered, That it be referred to the Committee on Military Affairs.

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT, CONFEDERATE STATES OF AMERICA,
Richmond, May 11, 1864.

To the Senate of the Confederate States:

Agreeably to the recommendation of the Secretary of War, I nominate the officers on the accompanying list to the rank affixed to their names, respectively.

JEFFERSON DAVIS.

No. 10.] WAR DEPARTMENT, CONFEDERATE STATES OF AMERICA,
Richmond, May 7, 1864.

SIR: I have the honor to recommend the following nominations for appointment in the Provisional Army of the Confederate States of America:

Military secretary, colonel of cavalry.

J. B. Sale, of Mississippi, for duty as military secretary to Gen. B. Bragg, to rank from March 15, 1864.

Aids-de-camp, majors of cavalry.

Towson Ellis, of Louisiana, for duty as aid-de-camp to Gen. B. Bragg; Francis S. Parker, of South Carolina, for duty as aid-de-camp to Gen. B. Bragg; to rank from February 25, 1864.

I am, sir, respectfully, your obedient servant,

JAMES A. SEDDON,
Secretary of War.

To His Excellency JEFFERSON DAVIS,
President, &c.

The message was read.

Ordered, That it be referred to the Committee on Military Affairs.

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT, *Richmond, May 11, 1864.*

o the Senate of the Confederate States:

Agreeably to the recommendation of the Secretary of War, I nominate the officers on the accompanying list to the rank affixed to their names, respectively.

JEFFERSON DAVIS.

No. 11.] WAR DEPARTMENT, CONFEDERATE STATES OF AMERICA,
Richmond, May 8, 1864.

SIR: I have the honor to recommend the following nominations for promotion in the Provisional Army of the Confederate States of America:

Colonels.

Lieut. Col. S. E. Baker, of Mississippi, to be colonel Sixteenth Mississippi Regiment, vice Colonel Posey, promoted, to rank from December 20, 1862.

Lieut. Col. D. N. Moody, of Mississippi, to be colonel Twenty-first Mississippi Regiment, vice Colonel Brandon, resigned, to rank from October 28, 1863.

Lieut. Col. P. Brent, of Mississippi, to be colonel Thirty-eighth Mississippi Regiment, vice Colonel Adams, resigned, to rank from September 24, 1862.

Lieut. Col. S. H. Walkup, of North Carolina, to be colonel Forty-eighth North Carolina Regiment, vice Colonel Hill, died, to rank from December 4, 1863.

Lieut. Col. W. L. Saunders, of North Carolina, to be colonel Forty-sixth North Carolina Regiment, vice Colonel Hall, resigned, to rank from December 31, 1863.

Lieut. Col. James S. Gholston, of Georgia, to be colonel Sixteenth Georgia Regiment, vice Colonel Bryan, promoted, to rank from November 29, 1863.

Lieut. Col. C. C. Sanders, of Georgia, to be colonel Twenty-fourth Georgia Regiment, vice Colonel McMillan, resigned, to rank from January 9, 1864.

Lieut. Col. C. R. Fontaine, of Virginia, to be colonel Fifty-seventh Virginia Regiment, vice Colonel Magruder, died, to rank from July 5, 1863.

Lieut. Col. James W. Moss, of Kentucky, to be colonel Second Kentucky Regiment, vice Colonel Johnston, resigned, to rank from October 19, 1863.

Lieut. Col. D. W. Jones, of Texas, to be colonel Ninth Texas Cavalry Regiment, vice Colonel Townes, resigned, to rank from March 30, 1863.

Lieut. Col. W. L. Eakin, of Tennessee, to be colonel Fifty-ninth Tennessee Regiment, vice Colonel Cooke, resigned, to rank from March 19, 1863.

Lieut. Col. S. K. McSpadden, of Alabama, to be colonel Nineteenth Alabama Regiment, vice Colonel Wheeler, promoted, to rank from October 30, 1862.

Lieut. Col. William A. Stowe, of North Carolina, to be colonel Sixteenth North Carolina Regiment, vice Col. J. S. McElroy, resigned, to rank from December 8, 1863.

Lieut. Col. C. W. McCreary, of South Carolina, to be colonel First South Carolina Regiment, vice Colonel Hamilton, resigned, to rank from January 4, 1864.

Lieut. Col. E. Capers, of South Carolina, to be colonel Twenty-fourth South Carolina Regiment, vice Colonel Stevens, promoted, to rank from January 20, 1864.

Lieut. Col. Thomas N. Adaire, of Mississippi, to be colonel Fourth Mississippi Regiment, vice Colonel Layton, resigned, to rank from July 16, 1863.

Lieut. Col. M. Magevney, of Tennessee, to be colonel One hundred and fifty-fourth Tennessee Regiment, vice Colonel Fitzgerald, died, to rank from August 30, 1862.

Lieut. Col. R. P. McKelvaire, of Mississippi, to be colonel Twenty-fourth Mississippi Regiment, vice Colonel Dowd, resigned, to rank from January 19, 1864.

Lieut. Col. T. J. Hardin, of Mississippi, to be colonel Nineteenth Mississippi Regiment, vice Colonel Harris, promoted, to rank from January 20, 1864.

Lieut. Col. T. B. Lamar, of Florida, to be colonel Fifth Florida Regiment, vice Colonel Hateley, resigned, to rank from July 6, 1863.

Lieut. Col. J. C. Phillips, of Virginia, to be colonel Thirteenth Virginia Cavalry Regiment, vice Colonel Chambliss, promoted, to rank from December 19, 1863.

Lieut. Col. W. S. McLemore, of Tennessee, to be colonel Fourth Tennessee Regiment, vice Colonel Starnes, died, to rank from February 25, 1864.

Lieut. Col. W. L. J. Lowrance, of North Carolina, to be colonel Thirty-fourth North Carolina Regiment, vice Colonel Riddick, died, to rank from February 10, 1863.

Lieut. Col. J. B. Williams, of Mississippi, to be colonel Forty-first Mississippi Regiment, vice Colonel Hearn, resigned, to rank from March 1, 1864.

Lieut. Col. Jos. Armstrong, of Georgia, to be colonel Eighteenth Georgia Regiment, vice Colonel Ruff, killed, to rank from January 6, 1864.

Lieut. Col. M. B. Harris, of Mississippi, to be colonel Twelfth Mississippi Regiment, vice Colonel Taylor, dropped, to rank from March 19, 1864.

Lieut. Col. A. A. Lowther, of Alabama, to be colonel Fifteenth Alabama Regiment, vice Colonel Cantey, promoted, to rank from April 28, 1863.

Lieut. Col. W. L. L. Bowen, of Florida, to be colonel Fourth Florida Regiment, vice Colonel Hunt, killed, to rank from September 2, 1862.

Lieut. Col. E. Warfield, of Arkansas, to be colonel Second Arkansas Regiment, vice Colonel Govan, promoted, to rank from December 29, 1863.

Lieut. Col. C. C. Blacknall, of North Carolina, to be colonel Twenty-third North Carolina Regiment, vice Colonel Johnston, promoted, to rank from September 1, 1863.

Lieutenant-colonels.

Maj. B. S. Proffitt, of North Carolina, to be lieutenant-colonel Twenty-ninth North Carolina Regiment, vice Lieutenant-Colonel Creasman, promoted, to rank from March 16, 1863.

Maj. W. D. La F. Craig, of Texas, to be lieutenant-colonel Tenth Texas Cavalry Regiment, vice Lieutenant-Colonel Earp, promoted, to rank from March 20, 1863.

Maj. A. M. Feltus, of Mississippi, to be lieutenant-colonel Sixteenth Mississippi Regiment, vice Lieutenant-Colonel Baker, promoted, to rank from December 20, 1862.

Maj. C. Sykes, of Mississippi, to be lieutenant-colonel Forty-third Mississippi Regiment, vice Lieutenant-Colonel Harrison, promoted, to rank from November 9, 1862.

Maj. G. A. C. Holt, of Kentucky, to be lieutenant-colonel Third Kentucky Regiment, vice Lieutenant-Colonel Bowman, resigned, to rank from August 30, 1863.

Maj. J. N. Chandler, of Georgia, to be lieutenant-colonel Twenty-fourth Georgia Regiment, vice Lieutenant-Colonel McMillan, resigned, to rank from January 5, 1864.

Maj. W. W. Wier, of Mississippi, to be lieutenant-colonel Thirty-seventh Mississippi Regiment, vice Lieutenant-Colonel Patton, resigned, to rank from January 26, 1864.

Maj. W. L. Keirn, of Mississippi, to be lieutenant-colonel Thirty-eighth Mississippi Regiment, vice Lieutenant-Colonel Brent, promoted, to rank from September 24, 1862.

Maj. A. A. Hill, of North Carolina, to be lieutenant-colonel Forty-eighth North Carolina Regiment, vice Lieutenant-Colonel Walkup, promoted, to rank from December 4, 1863.

Maj. A. C. McAlister, of North Carolina, to be lieutenant-colonel Forty-sixth North Carolina Regiment, vice Lieutenant-Colonel Saunders, promoted, to rank from December 31, 1863.

Maj. John Sims, of Mississippi, to be lieutenant-colonel Twenty-first Mississippi Regiment, vice Lieutenant-Colonel Moody, promoted, to rank from October 28, 1863.

Maj. J. Hamilton, of Georgia, to be lieutenant-colonel Phillips Legion, vice Lieutenant-Colonel Barclay, resigned, to rank from December 31, 1863.

Maj. J. P. Fitzgerald, of Virginia, to be lieutenant-colonel Twenty-third Virginia Regiment, vice Lieutenant-Colonel Walton, killed, to rank from November 27, 1863.

Maj. W. P. Crawford, of Georgia, to be lieutenant-colonel Twenty-eighth Georgia Regiment, vice Lieutenant-Colonel Cain, resigned, to rank from January 20, 1864.

Maj. L. B. Pardue, of Mississippi, to be lieutenant-colonel Seventh Mississippi Battalion, vice Lieutenant-Colonel Rosser, transferred, to rank from January 2, 1863.

Maj. R. G. Kelsey, of Mississippi, to be lieutenant-colonel Forty-fourth Mississippi Regiment, vice Lieutenant-Colonel Thompson, killed, to rank from September 20, 1863.

Maj. J. P. Brown, of Tennessee, to be lieutenant-colonel Fifty-ninth Tennessee Regiment, vice Lieutenant-Colonel Eakin, promoted, to rank from March 19, 1863.

Maj. B. E. Stiles, of Georgia, to be lieutenant-colonel Sixteenth Georgia Regiment, vice Lieutenant-Colonel Gholston, promoted, to rank from November 29, 1862.

Maj. W. P. Shooter, of South Carolina, to be lieutenant-colonel First South Carolina Regiment, vice Lieutenant-Colonel McCreary, promoted, to rank from January 4, 1864.

Maj. W. L. Davidson, of North Carolina, to be lieutenant-colonel Seventh North Carolina Regiment, vice Lieutenant-Colonel Hill, killed, to rank from May 3, 1863.

Maj. W. M. Arnold, of Georgia, to be lieutenant-colonel Sixth Georgia Regiment, vice Lieutenant-Colonel Anderson, resigned, to rank from January 20, 1864.

Maj. W. H. Wylly, of Georgia, to be lieutenant-colonel Twenty-fifth Georgia Regiment, vice Lieutenant-Colonel Winn, promoted, to rank from November 16, 1863.

Maj. R. W. Phipps, of Mississippi, to be lieutenant-colonel Nineteenth Mississippi Regiment, vice Lieutenant-Colonel Harlin, promoted, to rank from January 20, 1864.

Maj. W. S. Phillips, of Georgia, to be lieutenant-colonel Forty-seventh Georgia Regiment, vice Lieutenant-Colonel Cone, resigned, to rank from August 30, 1863.

Maj. J. S. Jones, of South Carolina, to be lieutenant-colonel Twenty-fourth South Carolina Regiment, vice Lieutenant-Colonel Capers, promoted, to rank from January 20, 1864.

Maj. A. J. Clond, of North Carolina, to be lieutenant-colonel Sixteenth North Carolina Regiment, vice Lieutenant-Colonel Lee, resigned, to rank from January 27, 1864.

Maj. J. W. Carter, of Georgia, to be lieutenant-colonel Forty-fifth Georgia Regiment, vice Lieutenant-Colonel Grice, resigned, to rank from March 17, 1864.

Maj. B. F. Little, of North Carolina, to be lieutenant-colonel Fifty-second North Carolina Regiment, vice Lieutenant-Colonel Richardson, killed, to rank from July 3, 1863.

Maj. J. C. Francis, of Alabama, to be lieutenant-colonel Thirtieth Alabama Regiment, vice Lieutenant-Colonel Patterson, resigned, to rank from January 28, 1864.

Maj. G. R. Kimbrough, of Alabama, to be lieutenant-colonel Nineteenth Alabama Regiment, vice Lieutenant-Colonel McSpadden, promoted, to rank from October 30, 1862.

Maj. L. Hodges, of Mississippi, to be lieutenant-colonel Forty-first Mississippi Regiment, vice Lieutenant-Colonel Williams, promoted, to rank from March 1, 1864.

Maj. E. M. Morrison, of Virginia, to be lieutenant-colonel Fifteenth Virginia Regiment, vice Lieutenant-Colonel Tucker, died, to rank from January 24, 1863.

Maj. F. E. P. Stafford, of Tennessee, to be lieutenant-colonel Thirty-first Tennessee Regiment, vice Lieutenant-Colonel Hudson, died, to rank from November 20, 1862.

Maj. F. M. Ford, of Georgia, to be lieutenant-colonel Eighteenth Georgia Regiment, vice Lieutenant-Colonel Stewart, resigned, to rank from March 25, 1864.

Maj. I. B. Feagin, of Alabama, to be lieutenant-colonel Fifteenth Alabama Regiment, vice Lieutenant-Colonel Trentlin, resigned, to rank from April 28, 1863.

Maj. J. S. Brooks, of North Carolina, to be lieutenant-colonel Twentieth North

Carolina Regiment, vice Lieutenant-Colonel Slough, resigned, to rank from November 2, 1863.

Maj. J. T. Jordan, of Georgia, to be lieutenant-colonel Forty-ninth Georgia Regiment, vice Lieutenant-Colonel Pate, resigned, to rank from February 23, 1864.

Maj. William H. Ramsey, of Virginia, to be lieutenant-colonel Fifty-seventh Virginia Regiment, vice Lieutenant-Colonel Fontaine, promoted, to rank from July 5, 1863.

Maj. W. W. Randolph, of Virginia, to be lieutenant-colonel Second Virginia Regiment, vice Lieutenant-Colonel Colston, killed, to rank from April 26, 1864.

Majors.

Capt. E. C. Council, of Mississippi, to be major Sixteenth Mississippi Regiment, vice Major Feltus, promoted, to rank from December 20, 1862.

Capt. T. J. Borden, of Mississippi, to be major Sixth Mississippi Regiment, vice Major Stevens, resigned, to rank from December 17, 1863.

Capt. J. J. May, of Alabama, to be major Sixteenth Alabama Regiment, vice Major Ashford, promoted, to rank from October 7, 1863.

Capt. H. D. E. Redwine, of Texas, to be major Tenth Texas Cavalry Regiment, vice Major Craig, promoted, to rank from March 20, 1863.

Capt. Wilson Faris, of Virginia, to be major Forty-eighth Virginia Regiment, vice Major White, promoted, to rank from May 3, 1863.

Capt. J. O. Banks, of Mississippi, to be major Forty-third Mississippi Regiment, vice Major Sykes, promoted, to rank from November 9, 1862.

Capt. R. C. McCay, of Mississippi, to be major Thirty-eighth Mississippi Regiment, vice Major Keim, promoted, to rank from September 24, 1862.

Capt. J. M. Crow, of Alabama, to be major Ninth Alabama Regiment, vice Major Williams, promoted, to rank from September 11, 1863.

Capt. G. M. Crawford, of Tennessee, to be major Forty-fourth Tennessee Regiment, vice Major Ewin, died, to rank from January 7, 1863.

Capt. A. J. Richardson, of Virginia, to be major Twenty-third Virginia Regiment, vice Major Fitzgerald, promoted, to rank from November 27, 1863.

Capt. James Dickey, of Georgia, to be major Fifty-first Georgia Regiment, vice Major Dunwoody, killed, to rank from July 2, 1863.

Capt. J. B. Kennedy, of Mississippi, to be major Twenty-seventh Mississippi Regiment, vice Major McLemore, killed, to rank from October 5, 1863.

Capt. D. E. Scruggs, of ———, to be major Second Virginia Battalion, Troops Local Defense, vice Major Waller, transferred, to rank from March 10, 1864.

Capt. C. B. Johnston, of Alabama, to be major Twenty-first Alabama Regiment, vice Major Williams, promoted, to rank from April 30, 1863.

Capt. T. M. Atkins, of Tennessee, to be major Forty-ninth Tennessee Regiment, vice Major Cording, promoted, to rank from October 7, 1863.

Capt. G. W. Flowers, of North Carolina, to be major Thirty-eighth North Carolina Regiment, vice Major McLaughlin, resigned, to rank from February 16, 1864.

Capt. J. H. Skelton, of Georgia, to be major Sixteenth Georgia Regiment, vice Major Stiles, promoted, to rank from November 29, 1863.

Capt. T. P. Alston, of South Carolina, to be major First South Carolina Regiment, vice Major Shooter, promoted, to rank from January 4, 1864.

Capt. W. H. Fitz Gerald, of Mississippi, to be major Twenty-first Mississippi Regiment, vice Major Sims, promoted, to rank from October 28, 1863.

Capt. John R. Kennard, of Texas, to be major Tenth Texas Regiment, vice Major Brasher, died, to rank from May 4, 1863.

Capt. W. H. Jones, of North Carolina, to be major Forty-eighth North Carolina Regiment, vice Major Hill, promoted, to rank from December 4, 1863.

Capt. S. J. C. Dunlop, of Georgia, to be major Forty-sixth Georgia Regiment, vice Major Speer, resigned, to rank from January 19, 1864.

Capt. A. W. Smith, of Georgia, to be major Twenty-fifth Georgia Regiment, vice Major Wyly, promoted, to rank from November 16, 1863.

Capt. D. F. Hill, of South Carolina, to be major Twenty-fourth South Carolina Regiment, vice Major Jones, promoted, to rank from January 20, 1864.

Capt. W. M. Hadden, of South Carolina, to be major First South Carolina Rifle Regiment, vice Major Moore, resigned, to rank from August 28, 1863.

Capt. M. D. Bennett, of Virginia, to be major Fourth Virginia Regiment, vice Major Terry, promoted, to rank from September 11, 1863.

Capt. W. T. Steele, of Arkansas, to be major Thirty-third Arkansas Regiment, vice Major Crenshaw, resigned, to rank from November 12, 1862.

Capt. L. A. J. Williams, of Georgia, to be major Thirty-fifth Georgia Regiment, vice Major Groves, resigned, to rank from December 21, 1863.

Capt. N. McK. McNeill, of North Carolina, to be major Forty-sixth North Carolina Regiment, vice Major McAlister, promoted, to rank from December 21, 1863.

Capt. J. S. Cone, of Georgia, to be major Forty-seventh Georgia Regiment, vice Maj. J. G. Cone, resigned, to rank from August 30, 1863.

Capt. M. Burke, of Missouri, to be major First Missouri Regiment, vice Major Duffy, dropped, to rank from March 30, 1864.

Capt. E. Erson, of North Carolina, to be major Fifty-second North Carolina Regiment, vice Major Richardson, killed, to rank from July 3, 1863.

Capt. W. D. Conyers, of Georgia, to be major Cobb's Legion, vice Major Camak, killed, to rank from July 3, 1863.

Capt. J. T. Huff, of North Carolina, to be major Sixtieth North Carolina Regiment, vice Major Weaver, promoted, to rank from December 23, 1863.

Capt. S. G. Jamison, of South Carolina, to be major Third Virginia Battalion, Troops Local Defense, vice Major Henley, resigned, to rank from April 20, 1864.

Capt. T. H. Patterson, of Alabama, to be major Thirtieth Alabama Regiment, vice Major Smith resigned, to rank from January 28, 1864.

Capt. C. K. Massey, of Mississippi, to be major Twentieth Mississippi Regiment, vice Major Chatfield, killed, to rank from February 18, 1864.

Capt. L. Ball, of Mississippi, to be major Forty-first Mississippi Regiment, vice Major Hodges, promoted, to rank from March 1, 1864.

Capt. W. C. Oates, of Alabama, to be major Fifteenth Alabama Regiment, vice Major Daniel, resigned, to rank from April 28, 1863.

Capt. T. H. Bomar, of Georgia, to be major Thirty-eighth Georgia Regiment, vice Major Parr, resigned, to rank from July 2, 1863.

Capt. C. H. Stewart, of Virginia, to be major Second Virginia Regiment, vice Major Moore, appointed assistant adjutant-general, to rank from April 21, 1864.

Capt. D. P. Heckman, of Virginia, to be major Fifty-seventh Virginia Regiment, vice Major Ramsey, promoted, to rank from July 5, 1863.

I am, sir, respectfully, your obedient servant,

JAMES A. SEDDON,
Secretary of War.

To His Excellency JEFFERSON DAVIS,
President, &c.

The message was read.

Ordered, That it be referred to the Committee on Military Affairs.

On motion by Mr. Sparrow,

The Senate resolved into open legislative session.

MONDAY, MAY 16, 1864.

OPEN SESSION.

The President pro tempore announced, in conformity with the thirty-first rule of the Senate, the appointment of the following standing committee:

A committee on the rules of the Senate, consisting of Mr. Orr (chairman), Mr. Johnson of Arkansas, and Mr. Semmes.

A message from the House of Representatives, by Mr. Dalton:

Mr. President: The House of Representatives have passed bills of the following titles; in which they request the concurrence of the Senate:

H. R. 2. An act to provide for the redemption of the old issue of Treasury notes held by certain Indian tribes; and

H. R. 92. An act to amend the act approved February 17, 1864, entitled "An act to allow commissioned officers of the Army rations and the privilege of purchasing clothing from the Quartermaster's Department."

The Speaker of the House of Representatives having signed sundry enrolled joint resolutions, I am directed to bring them to the Senate for the signature of their President.

On motion by Mr. Sparrow,

Ordered, That the Committee on Military Affairs be discharged from the further consideration of so much of the report of the Secretary of War as relates to Indian Affairs, together with the report of the Commissioner of Indian Affairs, and that they be referred to the Committee on Indian Affairs.

On motion by Mr. Sparrow,

Ordered, That the Committee on Military Affairs be discharged from the further consideration of so much of the report of the Secretary of War as recommends that a rate exceeding one-tenth of the meat, wheat, rice, and the products of the sugar cane raised in the Confederate States, should be assessed and collected in kind, and that it be referred to the Committee on Finance.

On motion by Mr. Sparrow,

Ordered, That the Committee on Military Affairs be discharged from the further consideration of a resolution inquiring into the expediency of further legislation with a view of securing the return to their proper commands of deserters from the infantry who have enlisted and are now serving in the cavalry, etc.

On motion by Mr. Barnwell,

Ordered, That the Committee on Finance be discharged from the further consideration of the bill (S. 9) for the relief of Green T. Hill, and that it be referred to the Committee on Claims.

Mr. Watson, from the Committee on the Judiciary, to whom was referred the joint resolution (H. R. 3) providing for the appointment of a special committee of the Senate and House of Representatives on the subject of impressments, reported it without amendment.

The Senate proceeded, as in Committee of the Whole, to the consideration of the said resolution; and

On motion by Mr. Orr, to amend the resolution by striking out the title,

It was determined in the affirmative.

The resolution having been further amended, was agreed to as follows:

Resolved (the Senate concurring), That a special committee be appointed, of five members on the part of the House and three members on the part of the Senate, to whom all bills, resolutions, and memorials hereafter or already introduced in either House on the subject of impressment shall be referred.

Ordered, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the House of Representatives in the amendments.

On motion by Mr. Watson,

Ordered, That the Committee on the Judiciary be discharged from the further consideration of a resolution inquiring into the expediency of further legislation with a view to the prevention and punishment of illegal impressments, etc., and that it be referred to the Joint Committee on Impressments.

On motion by Mr. Sparrow,

Ordered, That the Committee on Military Affairs be discharged from the further consideration of so much of the report of the Secretary of War as relates to the proper mode of assessing the value of supplies for the Army which may be impressed, and that it be referred to the Joint Committee on Impressments.

The bills received this day from the House of Representatives for concurrence were severally read the first and second times; and

Ordered, That the bill numbered 2 be referred to the Committee on Indian Affairs and the bill numbered 92 to the Committee on Military Affairs.

The Senate proceeded, as in Committee of the Whole, to the consideration of the bill (S. 21) to amend an act entitled "An act to reduce the currency and to authorize a new issue of notes and bonds," approved 17th February, 1864.

On motion by Mr. Jemison, to amend the bill by inserting after "said," section 2, line 10, the words "four per cent.,"

It was determined in the affirmative.

On motion by Mr. Hill, to amend the bill by striking out the words "three dollars of old issues," in the eighth line of the third section, and inserting in lieu thereof the words "of Treasury notes of the old issue,"

It was determined in the affirmative.

On motion by Mr. Barnwell, to amend the bill by inserting at the end of the third section the following proviso:

Provided, That on and after the first day of January, eighteen hundred and sixty-five, the authority to make the exchanges mentioned in this section shall cease and determine,

It was determined in the affirmative.

On motion by Mr. Simms, to amend the bill by striking out the fourth section, as follows:

SEC. 4. That any holder of four per cent bonds or certificates issued under the first section of the act of which this is an amendment may exchange his bond or certificate for a four per cent untaxable bond, such as is described in the section next preceding, at the same rate provided therein as to old issues; that is to say, at the rate of two dollars of untaxable bonds for three dollars of bonds or certificates issued under said first section.

It was determined in the negative, { Yeas ----- 9
Nays ----- 10

On motion by Mr. Simms,

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present, Those who voted in the affirmative are,

Messrs. Dortch, Hill, Johnson of Arkansas, Johnson of Missouri, Mitchel, Oldham, Orr, Simms, and Wigfall.

Those who voted in the negative are,

Messrs. Baker, Barnwell, Brown, Graham, Hunter, Jemison, Maxwell, Sparrow, Walker, and Watson.

On motion by Mr. Barnwell, from the Committee on Finance, to amend the bill by inserting the following independent section:

SEC. 5. That the bonds and certificates mentioned in the second section of the act to which this is an amendment shall be receivable in payment of all Government dues which shall have accrued prior to the first day of January, eighteen hundred and sixty-five, except export and import duties,

It was determined in the affirmative.

On motion by Mr. Walker, to amend the bill by inserting at the end of the fifth section the words "and for purposes of payment herein authorized shall be transferable by delivery,"

It was determined in the affirmative.

An amendment having been proposed to the bill by Mr. Graham, After debate,

On motion by Mr. Hill,

Ordered, That the further consideration of the bill be postponed

until to-morrow, and that the Secretary cause it to be printed, by contract or otherwise.

Mr. Dortch, from the committee, reported that they had examined and found truly enrolled joint resolutions of the following titles:

S. 1. Joint resolution of thanks to Major-General Hoke and Commander Cooke and the officers and men under their command for the brilliant victory over the enemy at Plymouth, N. C.;

S. 2. Joint resolution of thanks to General Finegan and the officers and men of his command;

H. R. 1. Joint resolution of thanks to the Thirty-fourth and Thirty-eighth regiments of North Carolina troops;*and

H. R. 2. Joint resolution of thanks to the Texas Brigade in the Army of Northern Virginia.

The President pro tempore having signed the enrolled joint resolutions last reported to have been examined, they were delivered to the Secretary of the Senate and by him forthwith presented to the President of the Confederate States for his approval.

On motion by Mr. Sparrow,

The Senate resolved into executive session.

The doors having been opened,

On motion by Mr. Mitchel,

The Senate adjourned.

SECRET SESSION.

A message from the House of Representatives, by Mr. Dalton:

Mr. President: The House of Representatives have passed the joint resolution of the Senate (S. 6) to authorize the removal of the public archives and of the Executive Departments of the Government.

On motion by Mr. Johnson of Arkansas,

The Senate resolved into open legislative session.

EXECUTIVE SESSION.

Mr. Sparrow, from the Committee on Military Affairs, to whom were referred (on the 10th instant) the nominations of J. W. Mallett, Thomas L. Bayne, William Allan, to be lieutenant-colonels; James Harding, jr., to be major; John S. Tucker, A. F. Pope, J. G. Reynolds, Daniel W. Sublett, R. W. Anderson, C. P. Estill, John M. Perry, F. W. Dawson, to be captains; R. Henry Glenn, E. Whitfield, C. D. Fishburne, G. F. Bason, T. B. Cabaniss, S. H. Starr, S. F. Fenney, J. L. Scales, to be first lieutenants; L. K. Sparrow and W. A. Edwards, to be second lieutenants, for ordnance duty, reported, with the recommendation that all of said nominations be confirmed.

The Senate proceeded to consider said report; and in concurrence therewith, it was

Resolved, That the Senate advise and consent to their appointment, agreeably to the nomination of the President.

Mr. Sparrow, from the Committee on Military Affairs, to whom was referred the nomination of D. H. Reynolds (under the act of October 13, 1862, to increase and regulate the appointment of general officers in the Provisional Army), to be brigadier-general, reported, with the recommendation that said nomination be confirmed.

The Senate proceeded to consider said report; and in concurrence therewith, it was

Resolved, That the Senate advise and consent to his appointment, agreeably to the nomination of the President.

Mr. Sparrow, from the Committee on Military Affairs, to whom were referred (on the 14th instant) the nominations of A. L. Rives, to be colonel; John J. Clarke, John A. Williams, and M. Meriwether, to be lieutenant-colonels; George B. Pickett, Conway R. Howard, William F. Foster, and Samuel R. Johnston, to be majors; F. Y. Dabney, Henry C. Force, D. G. Campbell, Henry J. Rogers, W. D. Stuart, W. G. Bender, J. W. Smith, G. H. Hazlehurst, C. M. Randolph, and F. Gardner, to be captains; L. A. Dade, D. E. Henderson, M. B. Grant, P. C. Johnson, J. M. Freret, E. A. Ford, H. B. Cozzens, T. R. Price, jr., J. M. Fairbanks, B. L. Blackford, F. R. R. Smith, J. M. Couper, D. W. Currie, George R. McRee, and James A. Corry, to be first lieutenants; E. J. White, H. M. Graves, John C. Gilmer, W. K. Park, F. M. Hall, M. M. Farrow, M. S. Elliott, Charles McCalley, J. N. Turner, and G. H. Browne, to be second lieutenants, of engineers, reported, with the recommendation that all of said nominations be confirmed.

The Senate proceeded to consider said report; and in concurrence therewith, it was

Resolved, That the Senate advise and consent to their appointment, agreeably to the nomination of the President.

Mr. Sparrow, from the Committee on Military Affairs, to whom was referred the nomination of Maj. Gen. Richard Taylor, to be lieutenant-general in the Provisional Army of the Confederate States, reported, with the recommendation that said nomination be confirmed.

The Senate proceeded to consider said report; and in concurrence therewith, it was

Resolved, That the Senate advise and consent to his appointment, agreeably to the nomination of the President.

Mr. Sparrow submitted the following resolution; which was considered and agreed to:

Resolved, That the Committee on the Judiciary be instructed to inquire whether the nominations of officers sent by the President to the last or any previous session of the Senate, and which may have been continued or postponed by order of the Senate to this session of the Senate, are still before the Senate for its action.

On motion by Mr. Sparrow,

The Senate resolved into secret legislative session.

TUESDAY, MAY 17, 1864.

OPEN SESSION.

A message from the House of Representatives, by Mr. Dalton:

Mr. President: The House of Representatives have passed the bill of the Senate (S. 5) to provide passports for Senators and Representatives in Congress when traveling in the Confederate States, with amendments; in which they request the concurrence of the Senate.

And they have passed the bill of the Senate (S. 25) for the relief of the widow and heirs of the late Brig. Gen. Leroy A. Stafford, of the Confederate States Army.

The Senate resumed the consideration of the resolution submitted by Mr. Johnson of Arkansas on the 4th instant, fixing a day for the adjournment of the present session of Congress; and having been further amended, it was agreed to as follows:

Resolved (the House of Representatives concurring), That the President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of Representatives adjourn their respective Houses, sine die, on Tuesday, the thirty-first day of May, instant, at twelve o'clock meridian.

Ordered, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the House of Representatives in the resolution.

Mr. Baker (by leave) introduced

A bill (S. 30) to amend an act to impose regulations upon the foreign commerce of the Confederate States to provide for the public defense, approved February 6, 1864;

which was read the first and second times and referred to the Committee on Commerce.

Mr. Semmes, from the Committee on Finance, to whom was referred the bill (H. R. 68) to exempt railroad companies from the payment of certain duties, reported it with an amendment.

The Senate proceeded, as in Committee of the Whole, to the consideration of the said bill; and the reported amendment having been agreed to, the bill was reported to the Senate and the amendment was concurred in.

Ordered, That the amendment be engrossed and the bill read a third time.

The said bill as amended was read the third time.

Resolved, That it pass with an amendment.

Ordered, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the House of Representatives in the amendment.

Mr. Oldham, from the Committee on Commerce, to whom was referred the bill (S. 20) to establish a bureau of foreign supplies, reported it with an amendment.

On motion by Mr. Graham,

Ordered, That the bill and amendment be printed, by contract or otherwise.

Mr. Sparrow, from the Committee on Military Affairs, submitted the following resolution; which was considered and agreed to:

Resolved by the Senate of the Confederate States of America, That the President be respectfully requested to inform the Senate whether the order, No. 48, issued from the Adjutant and Inspector General's Office, in the city of Richmond, on the eleventh day of July, eighteen hundred and sixty-two, relative to the termination of the appointments of general officers and officers of the general staff in the Provisional Army, has ever been revoked, if any officers have ever been dismissed the service under it, and if any, what officers, and when they were so dismissed.

Mr. Sparrow, from the Committee on Military Affairs, reported

A bill (S. 31) to promote the efficiency of the cavalry of the Provisional Army, and to punish lawlessness and irregularities of any portions thereof;

which was read the first and second times and considered as in Committee of the Whole; and

After debate,

On motion by Mr. Walker,

Ordered, That the further consideration thereof be postponed until to-morrow.

Mr. Sparrow, from the Committee on Military Affairs, reported

A bill (S. 32) to authorize the appointment of general officers with temporary rank and command, and to define and limit the power of assigning officers to commands; which was read the first and second times and ordered to be placed upon the Calendar and printed.

Mr. Sparrow, from the Committee on Military Affairs, submitted the following resolution; which was considered and agreed to:

Resolved, That the Secretary of the Senate be authorized and required to cause to be printed as speedily as possible fifty-two copies of the regular annual report of the Secretary of War at this session, at any printing office in Richmond, and that the same shall be printed on the best terms at which it can be obtained, and shall be paid for out of the contingent fund of the Senate.

A message from the President of the Confederate States, by Mr. B. N. Harrison, his Secretary:

Mr. President: The President of the Confederate States has, to-day, approved and signed the following joint resolutions:

S. 1. Joint resolution of thanks to Major-General Hoke and Commander Cooke and the officers and men under their command for the brilliant victory over the enemy at Plymouth, N. C.; and

S. 2. Joint resolution of thanks to General Finegan and the officers and men of his command.

Ordered, That the Secretary inform the House of Representatives thereof.

The Senate resumed, as in Committee of the Whole, the consideration of the bill (S. 21) to amend an act entitled "An act to reduce the currency and to authorize a new issue of notes and bonds," approved 17th February, 1864.

On motion by Mr. Graham, to amend the bill by striking out of the second section the words

one-half of such amount as the said State is entitled to claim in Treasury notes of the new issue, and the other half in said six per cent bonds, or, at the option of the State, in coupon bonds, payable in twenty years, with interest at the rate of four per cent per annum, payable half yearly; the said four per cent bonds not to be taxable either upon principal or interest; and this provision shall extend to any portion of the amount which such State may be entitled to claim,

and inserting in lieu thereof the words

such amount as said State may be entitled to in Treasury notes of the new issue,

It was determined in the negative.

An amendment having been proposed by Mr. Hill,

After debate,

On motion by Mr. Hill,

The Senate resolved into executive session.

The doors having been opened,

On motion by Mr. Walker,

The Senate adjourned.

EXECUTIVE SESSION.

The following message was received from the President of the Confederate States, by Mr. B. N. Harrison, his Secretary:

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT, CONFEDERATE STATES OF AMERICA,
Richmond, May 17, 1864.

To the Senate of the Confederate States:

Agreeably to the recommendation of the Secretary of War, I nominate William J. Cave, of Virginia, to be first lieutenant and aid-de-camp in the Provisional Army of the Confederate States of America.

JEFFERSON DAVIS.

WAR DEPARTMENT, CONFEDERATE STATES OF AMERICA,
Richmond, May 16, 1864.

SIR: I have the honor to recommend the nomination of William J. Cave, of Virginia, to be aid-de-camp, with the rank, etc., of first lieutenant in the Provisional Army of the Confederate States of America, for duty with Brig. Gen. J. L. Kemper, to rank from May 16, 1864.

I am, sir, respectfully, your obedient servant,

JAMES A. SEDDON,
Secretary of War.

To His Excellency JEFFERSON DAVIS,
President, etc.

The message was read.

Ordered, That it be referred to the Committee on Military Affairs.

Mr. Hill, from the Committee on the Judiciary, to whom was referred the message of the President of the Confederate States of the 4th instant in relation to the conflicting claims of F. M. Green and W. B. Lowry for promotion in the Eleventh Regiment of Mississippi Volunteers, submitted a report (No. 1) accompanied by the following resolutions:

Resolved, That F. M. Green at the time of the nominations for field officers of the Eleventh Mississippi Regiment to the Senate at its last session was by law the senior and ranking officer of said regiment.

Resolved further, That a copy of the report of the Judiciary Committee on the executive message of the fourth May, eighteen hundred and sixty-four, accompanying the nomination of F. M. Green as colonel of the Eleventh Mississippi Regiment, and also a copy of these resolutions, be transmitted to the President and to F. M. Green and W. B. Lowry.

The Senate proceeded to consider the report of the Committee on the Judiciary on the conflicting claims of F. M. Green and W. B. Lowry for promotion in the Eleventh Regiment of Mississippi Volunteers; and

On motion by Mr. Orr, that the report be recommitted to the Committee on the Judiciary with instructions to embody in their report the general orders of the Adjutant and Inspector General regulating promotions under the act of the 15th of April, 1862, in the decisions of the case by the Adjutant and Inspector General and Secretary of War, and the opinion of the Attorney-General in the case of Major Bass.

After debate.

On motion by Mr. Walker.

The Senate resolved into open legislative session.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 18, 1864.

OPEN SESSION.

A message from the House of Representatives, by Mr. Dalton:

Mr. President: The House of Representatives have passed joint resolutions of the following titles; in which they request the concurrence of the Senate:

H. R. 4. Joint resolution of thanks to Maj. Gen. N. B. Forrest and the officers and men of his command for their campaign in Mississippi, west Tennessee, and Kentucky; and

H. R. 5. Joint resolution authorizing the auditing of accounts of members for pay and mileage.

And they have passed a bill and joint resolution of the Senate of the following titles:

S. 11. An act to extend the franking privilege; and

S. 3. Joint resolution of thanks to Missouri officers and soldiers in the Confederate service east of the Mississippi River.

The President of the Confederate States has notified the House of Representatives that on the 13th instant he approved and signed an act (H. R. 67) to continue in force and amend the provisions of an act approved January 30, 1864, increasing the compensation of certain officers and employees in the civil and legislative departments at Richmond.

And that on the 17th instant he approved and signed the following joint resolutions:

H. R. 1. Joint resolution of thanks to the Thirty-fourth and Thirty-eighth regiments of North Carolina troops; and

H. R. 2. Joint resolution of thanks to the Texas Brigade in the Army of Northern Virginia.

Mr. Barnwell submitted the following resolution; which was considered and agreed to:

Resolved, That the Secretary of the Senate be authorized to employ, until the close of the present session, such clerical force as will enable him to keep up the business of the Senate.

Mr. Johnson of Arkansas, from the Committee on Indian Affairs, to whom was referred the bill (S. 7) to amend an act entitled "An act to provide for the payment of the interest on the removal and subsistence fund due the Cherokee Indians in North Carolina," so as to authorize the Secretary of War to pay the interest in cash or provisions, reported it without amendment.

The Senate proceeded, as in Committee of the Whole, to the consideration of the said bill; and no amendment being proposed, it was reported to the Senate.

Ordered, That it be engrossed and read a third time.

The said bill was read the third time.

Resolved, That it pass, and that the title thereof be as aforesaid.

Ordered, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the House of Representatives therein.

On motion by Mr. Johnson of Arkansas,

Ordered, That the Committee on Indian Affairs be discharged from the further consideration of that portion of the report of the Secretary of War relating to Indian Affairs and the report of the Commissioner of Indian Affairs.

The joint resolutions received this day from the House of Representatives for concurrence were severally read the first and second times; and

Ordered, That the resolution numbered 4 be referred to the Committee on Military Affairs and the resolution numbered 5 to the Committee on Finance.

The Senate proceeded to consider the amendments of the House of Representatives to the bill (S. 5) to provide passports for Senators and Representatives in Congress when traveling in the Confederate States; and

Resolved, That they concur therein.

Ordered, That the Secretary inform the House of Representatives thereof.

The Senate resumed, as in Committee of the Whole, the consideration of the bill (S. 21) to amend an act entitled "An act to reduce the currency and to authorize a new issue of notes and bonds," approved 17th February, 1864.

On motion by Mr. Hill, to amend the bill by striking out the second section, as follows:

SEC. 2. Instead of the six per cent bonds authorized to be issued to the States under the twelfth section of the said act, the Secretary of the Treasury is authorized to issue to any State which may desire the same, one half of such amount as the said State is entitled to claim in Treasury notes of the new issue, and the other half in said six per cent bonds, or, at the option of the State, in coupon bonds, payable in twenty years, with interest at the rate of four per cent per annum, payable half yearly; the said four per cent bonds not to be taxable either upon principal or interest; and this provision shall extend to any portion of the amount which such State may be entitled to claim,

It was determined in the negative.

On motion by Mr. Oldham, to amend the bill by inserting the following independent section:

SEC. —. That in order to confine the amount of circulation within the limits aforesaid, the Secretary of the Treasury, in anticipation of the necessity of an issue of Treasury notes to meet the disbursements required by law to be made, is hereby authorized and required to give notice, by publication in at least three newspapers published in each State, to the holders of any particular outstanding issue of Treasury notes, or particular denomination of such issue, to present and file the same within forty days after date of said publication in each State, with the Treasurer or some depository, to be funded in six per cent bonds, which shall be issued in the same manner and shall contain the same pledges and guarantees as the bonds authorized to be issued by the sixth section of the act to which this is an amendment; and all notes of such issue or denomination which shall not be presented and filed within the time specified in such notice shall cease to be current and shall not be receivable by the Government in payment of taxes or other public dues, but shall only be fundable in four per cent bonds, to be issued in accordance with the provisions of the first section of the act to which this is an amendment,

It was determined in the negative.

On motion by Mr. Oldham, to amend the bill by inserting the following independent section:

SEC. —. That all Treasury notes which shall be issued after the passage of this act shall be fundable and receivable in payment of taxes only at their specie value at the time the same shall be presented for funding or payment, which condition shall be inserted in the face of the note. The specie value from time to time shall be ascertained under rules and regulations to be prescribed by the Secretary of the Treasury.

It was determined in the negative.

On motion by Mr. Walker, to reconsider the vote on agreeing to the following amendment, viz:

Insert at the end of the fifth section the following: "and for purposes of payment herein authorized shall be transferable by delivery,"

It was determined in the affirmative.

The Senate proceeded to consider the said amendment; and

On motion by Mr. Walker, to amend the same by striking out all after the word "and" and inserting:

transfer by delivery of said bonds and certificates shall be sufficient to enable the holder to use the same in payment of said Government dues,

It was determined in the affirmative.

The amendment as amended was then agreed to.

No further amendment being made, the bill was reported to the Senate and the amendments were concurred in.

Ordered, That the bill be engrossed and read a third time.

The said bill was read the third time.

Resolved, That it pass, and that the title thereof be as aforesaid.

Ordered, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the House of Representatives therein.

The Senate resumed, as in Committee of the Whole, the consideration of the bill (S. 31) to promote the efficiency of the cavalry of the Provisional Army, and to punish lawlessness and irregularities of any portions thereof; and having been amended on the motion of Mr. Orr, it was reported to the Senate and the amendment was concurred in.

Ordered, That the bill be engrossed and read a third time.

The said bill was read the third time.

Resolved, That it pass, and that the title thereof be as aforesaid.

Ordered, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the House of Representatives therein.

A message from the House of Representatives, by Mr. Dalton:

Mr. President: The House of Representatives have agreed to the amendments of the Senate to the resolution of the House providing for the appointment of a special committee of the two Houses on the subject of impressments.

And they have passed the resolution of the Senate fixing a day for the adjournment of the present session of Congress.

Mr. Johnson of Arkansas, from the Committee on Indian Affairs, to whom was referred the bill (H. R. 2) to provide for the redemption of the old issue of Treasury notes held by certain Indian tribes, reported it without amendment.

The Senate proceeded, as in Committee of the Whole, to the consideration of the said bill; and no amendment being proposed, it was reported to the Senate.

Ordered, That it pass to a third reading.

The said bill was read the third time.

Resolved, That it pass.

Ordered, That the Secretary inform the House of Representatives thereof.

Mr. Walker presented the memorial of Wellington Goddin, praying an increase of the rent paid by the Government for certain buildings owned by him and now in the occupancy of the Post-Office Department; which was referred to the Committee on Claims.

Mr. Johnson of Missouri (by leave) introduced

A bill (S. 33) to regulate the compensation and mileage of members of Congress for the present session; which was read the first and second times and referred to the Committee on Finance.

On motion by Mr. Semmes,

The Senate resolved into secret legislative session.

The doors having been opened,

The following message was received from the President of the Confederate States, by Mr. B. N. Harrison, his Secretary:

RICHMOND, VA., May 18, 1864.

To the Senate and House of Representatives:

I herewith transmit for your consideration a communication from the Secretary of the Treasury, submitting an estimate of an additional appropriation required for the support of the Government.

JEFFERSON DAVIS.

The message was read.

Ordered, That it be referred to the Committee on Finance.

The following message was received from the President of the Confederate States, by Mr. B. N. Harrison, his Secretary:

RICHMOND, VA., May 18, 1864.

To the Senate and House of Representatives:

I herewith transmit for your consideration a communication from the Attorney-General, submitting estimates of additional appropriations required for the support of the Government.

JEFFERSON DAVIS.

The message was read.

Ordered, That it be referred to the Committee on Finance.

On motion by Mr. Caperton,

The Senate adjourned.

SECRET SESSION.

Mr. Brown, from the Committee on Naval Affairs, who were instructed by a resolution of the Senate to inquire what number of war vessels have been constructed, or partially constructed, or put in commission on the James River for the defense of Richmond; where said vessels are; what is their condition and capacity for going into action, etc., presented sundry letters from the Secretary of the Navy and others in relation to the subject; which were read.

On motion by Mr. Sparrow,

The Senate resolved into executive session.

EXECUTIVE SESSION.

Mr. Sparrow, from the Committee on Military Affairs, to whom were referred (on the 14th instant) the nominations of S. E. Baker, D. N. Moody, P. Brent, S. H. Walkup, W. L. Saunders, James S. Gholston, C. C. Sanders, C. R. Fontaine, James W. Moss, D. W. Jones, W. L. Eakin, S. K. McSpadden, William A. Stowe, C. W. McCreary, E. Capers, Thomas N. Adaire, M. Magevney, R. P. McKelvaine, T. J. Hardin, T. B. Lamar, J. C. Phillips, W. S. McLemore, W. L. J. Lowrance, J. B. Williams, Jos. Armstrong, M. B. Harris, A. A. Lowther, W. L. L. Bowen, E. Warfield, C. C. Blacknall, to be colonels; B. S. Proffitt, W. D. La F. Craig, A. M. Feltus, C. Sykes, G. A. C. Holt, J. N. Chandler, W. W. Wier, W. L. Keirn, A. A. Hill, A. C. McAlister, John Sims, J. Hamilton, J. P. Fitzgerald, W. P. Crawford, L. B. Pardue, R. G. Kelsey, J. P. Brown, B. E. Stiles, W. P. Shooter, W. L. Davidson, W. M. Arnold, W. H. Wylly, R. W. Phipps, W. S. Phillips, J. S. Jones, A. J. Cloud, J. W. Carter, B. F. Little, J. C. Francis, G. R. Kimbrough, L. Hodges, E. M. Morrison, F. E. P. Stafford, F. M. Ford, I. B. Feagin, J. S. Brooks, J. T. Jordan, William H. Ramsey, W. W. Randolph, to be lieutenant-colonels; E. C. Comeill, T. J. Borden, J. J. May, H. D. E. Redwine, Wilson Faris, J. O. Banks, R. C. McCay, J. M. Crow, G. M. Crawford, A. J. Richardson, James Dickey, J. B. Kennedy, D. E. Scruggs, C. B. Johnston, T. M. Atkins, G. W. Flowers, J. H. Skelton, T. P. Alston, W. H. Fitz Gerald, John R. Kennard, W. H. Jones, S. J. C. Dunlop, A. W. Smith, D. F. Hill, W. M. Hadden, M. D. Bennett, W. T. Steele, L. A. J. Williams, N. McK. McNeill, J. S. Cone, M. Burke, E. Erson, W. D. Conyers, J. T. Huff, S. G. Jamison, T. H. Patterson, C. K. Massey, L. Ball, W. C. Oates, T. H. Bomar, C. H.

Stewart, D. P. Heckman, to be majors, reported, with the recommendation that all of said nominations be confirmed.

The Senate proceeded to consider said report; and in concurrence therewith, it was

Resolved, That the Senate advise and consent to their appointment, agreeably to the nomination of the President.

Mr. Sparrow, from the Committee on Military Affairs, to whom was referred (on the 17th instant) the nomination of William J. Cave, of Virginia, to be first lieutenant and aid-de-camp in the Provisional Army of the Confederate States of America, reported, with the recommendation that said nomination be confirmed.

The Senate proceeded to consider said report; and in concurrence therewith, it was

Resolved, That the Senate advise and consent to his appointment, agreeably to the nomination of the President.

The following message was received from the President of the Confederate States, by Mr. B. N. Harrison, his Secretary:

CONFEDERATE STATES OF AMERICA, EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT,

Richmond, May 18, 1864.

To the Senate of the Confederate States:

Agreeably to the recommendation of the Secretary of the Treasury, I hereby nominate the persons named upon the annexed list to the offices designated.

JEFFERSON DAVIS.

TREASURY DEPARTMENT, *Richmond, May 14, 1864.*

His Excellency the PRESIDENT.

SIR: I recommend the nomination of the following persons, to be commissioner of taxes and State collectors, under the act for the assessment and collection of taxes, approved May 1, 1863:

Thompson Allan, commissioner of taxes.

A. R. Greenwood, State collector for Arkansas.

Abram Martin, State collector for Alabama.

Robert H. Gamble, State collector for Florida.

E. G. Cabiness, State collector for Georgia.

G. F. Neill, State collector for Mississippi.

W. K. Lane, State collector for North Carolina.

Joseph Dan Pope, State collector for South Carolina.

D. N. Kennedy, State collector for Tennessee.

G. J. Durham, State collector for Texas.

T. C. Green, State collector for Virginia.

R. M. Lusher, State collector for Louisiana.

Very respectfully,

C. G. MEMMINGER,

Secretary of Treasury.

The message was read.

Ordered, That it be referred to the Committee on Finance.

The following message was received from the President of the Confederate States, by Mr. B. N. Harrison, his Secretary:

CONFEDERATE STATES OF AMERICA, EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT,

Richmond, May 18, 1864.

To the Senate of the Confederate States:

Agreeably to the recommendation of the Secretary of the Treasury, I hereby nominate W. W. Crump, of Virginia, to be Assistant Secretary of the Treasury.

JEFFERSON DAVIS.

TREASURY DEPARTMENT, *Richmond, May 14, 1864.*

His Excellency the PRESIDENT.

SIR: I recommend the nomination of W. W. Crump, of the State of Virginia, to be Assistant Secretary of the Treasury.

Very respectfully,

C. G. MEMMINGER,

Secretary of Treasury.

The message was read.

Ordered, That it be referred to the Committee on Finance.

The following message was received from the President of the Confederate States, by Mr. B. N. Harrison, his Secretary :

RICHMOND, VA., *May 18, 1864.*

To the Senate of the Confederate States:

Agreeably to the recommendation of the Secretary of State, I hereby nominate P. N. Lynch, to be special commissioner of the Confederate States to the States of the Church.

JEFFERSON DAVIS.

CONFEDERATE STATES OF AMERICA, DEPARTMENT OF STATE,

Richmond, May 17, 1864.

SIR: The Right Rev. P. N. Lynch, of South Carolina, having been appointed on the 4th day of April last, during a recess of the Senate, special commissioner of the Confederate States to the States of the Church, under the act of Congress approved 20th August, 1861, I have now the honor to recommend his nomination to the Senate for confirmation as special commissioner aforesaid.

Very respectfully, your obedient servant,

J. P. BENJAMIN,

Secretary of State.

To the PRESIDENT.

The message was read.

Ordered, That it be referred to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

The Senate resumed the consideration of the report of the Committee on the Judiciary on the conflicting claims of F. M. Green and W. B. Lowry for promotion in the Eleventh Regiment Mississippi Volunteers; and

The question being on agreeing to the motion submitted by Mr. Orr on yesterday, to recommit the report to the Committee on the Judiciary with instructions to embody in their report the general orders of the Adjutant and Inspector General regulating promotions under the act of the 15th April, 1862, in the decisions of the case by the Adjutant and Inspector General and Secretary of War, and the opinion of the Attorney-General in the case of Major Bass,

Mr. Orr (by leave) withdrew the said motion.

The Senate proceeded to consider the resolutions submitted on yesterday by Mr. Hill, from the Committee on the Judiciary, in relation to the conflicting claims of F. M. Green and W. B. Lowry for promotion in the Eleventh Regiment Mississippi Volunteers.

After debate,

On motion by Mr. Johnson of Missouri,

Ordered, That the further consideration thereof be postponed until to-morrow.

On motion by Mr. Orr,

The Senate resolved into open legislative session.

THURSDAY, MAY 19, 1864.

OPEN SESSION.

A message from the House of Representatives, by Mr. Dalton:

Mr. President: The House of Representatives have passed a bill and joint resolution of the following titles; in which they request the concurrence of the Senate:

H. R. 30. An act to authorize the appointment of commissaries for regiments of cavalry; and

H. R. 6. Joint resolution requiring the Department of Justice to furnish the standing committees of the two Houses with printed copies of the acts of Congress.

The Speaker of the House of Representatives having signed two enrolled bills, I am directed to bring them to the Senate for the signature of their President.

Mr. Barnwell, from the Committee on Finance, to whom was referred the joint resolution (H. R. 5) authorizing the auditing of accounts of members for pay and mileage, reported it without amendment.

The Senate proceeded, as in Committee of the Whole, to the consideration of the said resolution; and no amendment being proposed, it was reported to the Senate.

Ordered, That it pass to a third reading.

The said resolution was read the third time.

Resolved, That it pass.

Ordered, That the Secretary inform the House of Representatives thereof.

Mr. Barnwell, from the Committee on Finance, to whom was referred the bill (S. 33) to regulate the compensation and mileage of members of Congress for the present session, reported it without amendment.

The Senate proceeded, as in Committee of the Whole, to the consideration of the said bill; and no amendment being proposed, it was reported to the Senate.

Ordered, That it be engrossed and read a third time.

The said bill was read the third time.

Resolved, That it pass, and that the title thereof be as aforesaid.

Ordered, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the House of Representatives therein.

On motion by Mr. Barnwell,

Ordered, That the Committee on Finance be discharged from the further consideration of the bill (S. 26) declaratory of the meaning of the second section of an act to reduce the currency and to authorize a new issue of notes and bonds, approved February 17, 1864.

A message from the House of Representatives, by Mr. Dalton:

Mr. President: Under the provisions of a joint resolution providing for the appointment of a select committee of the two Houses on the subject of impressments, the House of Representatives have appointed, as the committee on their part, Mr. Baldwin of Virginia, Mr. Chambers of Mississippi, Mr. Chilton of Alabama, Mr. Hart-ridge of Georgia, and Mr. Hanly of Arkansas.

Mr. Sparrow, from the Committee on Military Affairs, to whom was referred the joint resolution (H. R. 4) of thanks to Maj. Gen. N. B. Forrest and the officers and men of his command for their campaign in Mississippi, west Tennessee, and Kentucky, reported it without amendment.

The Senate proceeded, as in Committee of the Whole, to the consideration of the said resolution; and no amendment being proposed, it was reported to the Senate.

Ordered, That it pass to a third reading.

The said resolution was read the third time.

Resolved, That it pass.

Ordered, That the Secretary inform the House of Representatives thereof.

On motion by Mr. Sparrow,

Ordered, That the Committee on Military Affairs be discharged from the further consideration of the following subjects:

S. 5. Joint resolution of thanks to Maj. Gen. N. B. Forrest and his officers and soldiers;

S. 19. A bill in reference to staff officers and prescribing their duties; and

A resolution inquiring into the expediency of reducing the cavalry force now in the service of the Confederate States, in consequence of the scarcity of forage.

Mr. Sparrow, from the Committee on Military Affairs, submitted the following resolution; which was considered and agreed to:

Whereas information in relation to our military and naval forces and as to the relative strength of different parts of our lines and defenses have at times been published in some of the public newspapers of the Confederacy; and

Whereas such information so published (and which is believed in most cases to have been done inadvertently and thoughtlessly and without any evil intention) is thought to have been at times detrimental to our cause and of advantage to the enemy; and

Whereas it is believed that the public interest requires that such publications should be prevented for the future:

Resolved, That the Committee on the Judiciary be instructed to inquire if any legislation is necessary to prevent hereafter the publication of such information in regard to army and navy movements and the military defenses as may disclose to the enemy any facts which he may use to our injury.

Mr. Sparrow, from the Committee on Military Affairs, reported

A bill (S. 34) to provide for the compensation of noncommissioned officers, soldiers, sailors, and marines on detailed service; which was read the first and second times and considered as in Committee of the Whole; and no amendment being proposed, it was reported to the Senate.

Ordered, That it be engrossed and read a third time.

The said bill was read the third time.

Resolved, That it pass, and that the title thereof be as aforesaid.

Ordered, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the House of Representatives therein.

Mr. Sparrow, from the Committee on Military Affairs, to whom was referred the bill (S. 10) to aid any State in communicating with and preparing records of its troops, reported it with an amendment.

The Senate proceeded, as in Committee of the Whole, to the consideration of the said bill; and the reported amendment having been agreed to, the bill was reported to the Senate and the amendment was concurred in.

Ordered, That the bill be engrossed and read a third time.

The said bill was read the third time and the title was amended.

Resolved, That it pass, and that the title thereof be "An act to amend an act entitled 'An act to aid any State in communicating with and perfecting records concerning its troops,' approved sixteenth February, eighteen hundred and sixty-four."

Ordered, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the House of Representatives therein.

On motion by Mr. Brown,

Ordered, That the Committee on Naval Affairs be discharged from the further consideration of the petition of Eliza Maury.

Mr. Dortch, from the committee, reported that they had examined and found truly enrolled bills of the following titles:

S. 12. An act to authorize the withdrawal from the Treasury of money contributed to build an ironclad gunboat by ladies of the State of South Carolina, and deposited therein; and

S. 25. An act for the relief of the widow and heirs of the late Brig. Gen. Leroy A. Stafford, of the Confederate States Army.

The President having signed the enrolled bills last reported to have been examined, they were delivered to the Secretary of the Senate and by him forthwith presented to the President of the Confederate States for his approval.

The bill (H. R. 30) to authorize the appointment of commissaries for regiments of cavalry was read the first and second times and referred to the Committee on Military Affairs.

The joint resolution (H. R. 6) requiring the Department of Justice to furnish the standing committees of the two Houses with printed copies of the acts of Congress was read the first and second times and considered as in Committee of the Whole; and no amendment being proposed, it was reported to the Senate.

Ordered, That it pass to a third reading.

The said resolution was read the third time.

Resolved, That it pass.

Ordered, That the Secretary inform the House of Representatives thereof.

The Senate proceeded, as in Committee of the Whole, to the consideration of the bill (S. 32) to authorize the appointment of general officers with temporary rank and command, and to define and limit the power of assigning officers to commands.

On motion by Mr. Semmes, to amend the bill by striking out of the second section the words "so long as, in the opinion of the President, their services may be useful, and."

It was determined in the affirmative.

On motion by Mr. Semmes, to amend the bill by inserting after "longer," section 2, line 5, the words "unless sooner removed by the President,"

It was determined in the affirmative.

An amendment having been proposed by Mr. Sparrow, under instructions from the Committee on Military Affairs,

After debate,

On motion by Mr. Sparrow,

Ordered, That the further consideration of the bill be postponed until to-morrow.

Mr. Wigfall (by leave) introduced

A bill (S. 35) concerning agents of the Press Association of the Confederate States; which was read the first and second times and referred to the Committee on Military Affairs.

The President pro tempore laid before the Senate a communication from William Smith, governor of the State of Virginia, transmitting a resolution of the general assembly of that State, asserting the jurisdiction and sovereignty of the State of Virginia over her ancient boundaries; which was read.

Ordered, That it lie on the table and be printed.

On motion by Mr. Sparrow,

The Senate resolved into executive session.

The doors having been opened,

On motion by Mr. Graham,

The Senate adjourned.

EXECUTIVE SESSION.

Mr. Barnwell, from the Committee on Finance, to whom was referred on yesterday the nomination of W. W. Crump, of Virginia, to be Assistant Secretary of the Treasury, reported, with the recommendation that said nomination be confirmed.

The Senate proceeded to consider said report; and in concurrence therewith, it was

Resolved, That the Senate advise and consent to his appointment, agreeably to the nomination of the President.

Mr. Barnwell, from the Committee on Finance, to whom were referred (on yesterday) the nominations of Thompson Allan as commissioner of taxes; A. R. Greenwood, State collector for Arkansas; Abram Martin, State collector for Alabama; Robert H. Gamble, State collector for Florida; E. G. Cabiness, State collector for Georgia; G. F. Neill, State collector for Mississippi; W. K. Lane, State collector for North Carolina; Joseph Dan Pope, State collector for South Carolina; G. J. Durham, State collector for Texas; T. C. Green, State collector for Virginia, reported, with the recommendation that all of said nominations be confirmed.

The Senate proceeded to consider said report; and in concurrence therewith, it was

Resolved, That the Senate advise and consent to their appointment, agreeably to the nomination of the President.

The Senate resumed the consideration of the resolutions submitted by Mr. Hill (on the 17th instant), from the Committee on the Judiciary, on the conflicting claims of F. M. Green and W. B. Lowry for promotion in the Eleventh Regiment Mississippi Volunteers; and

After debate,

On motion by Mr. Walker,

Ordered, That the further consideration thereof be postponed until to-morrow.

On motion by Mr. Burnett,

The Senate resolved into open legislative session.

FRIDAY, MAY 20, 1864.

OPEN SESSION.

Mr. Sparrow, from the Committee on Military Affairs, to whom was referred the bill (H. R. 30) to authorize the appointment of commissaries for regiments of cavalry, reported it without amendment.

The Senate proceeded, as in Committee of the Whole, to the consideration of the said bill; and no amendment being proposed, it was reported to the Senate.

Ordered, That it pass to a third reading.

The said bill was read the third time.

Resolved, That it pass.

Ordered, That the Secretary inform the House of Representatives thereof.

Mr. Sparrow, from the Committee on Military Affairs, reported

A bill (S. 36) to provide for the impressment of the railroad iron, equipments, and rolling stock of railroads when the same shall become

necessary for the public defense, and to make further provisions for the efficient transportation of troops and military supplies; which was read the first and second times and ordered to be placed upon the Calendar and printed.

Mr. Sparrow, from the Committee on Military Affairs, to whom were referred the memorials of Earnest Lagarde & Co. and Wedderburn & Alfriend, reported

A joint resolution (S. 7) in regard to the exemption of editors and employees of newspapers; which was read the first and second times and considered as in Committee of the Whole; and no amendment being proposed, it was reported to the Senate.

Ordered, That it be engrossed and read a third time.

The said resolution was read the third time.

Resolved, That it pass, and that the title thereof be as aforesaid.

Ordered, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the House of Representatives therein.

The Senate proceeded, as in Committee of the Whole, to the consideration of the bill (S. 13) to extend to the Navy and Marine Corps the provisions of the third section of an act to organize forces to serve during the war, approved February 17, 1864; and no amendment being proposed, it was reported to the Senate.

Ordered, That it be engrossed and read a third time.

The said bill was read the third time.

Resolved, That it pass, and that the title thereof be as aforesaid.

Ordered, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the House of Representatives therein.

The Senate proceeded, as in Committee of the Whole, to the consideration of the bill (S. 15) to authorize the payment of the actual and necessary expenses of naval officers while traveling under orders; and

On motion by Mr. Sparrow,

Ordered, That the further consideration thereof be postponed until Monday next.

A message from the President of the Confederate States, by Mr. B. N. Harrison, his Secretary:

RICHMOND, VA., May 19, 1864.

To the Senate and House of Representatives:

I herewith transmit for your information a communication from the Secretary of War, covering a copy of the "reports of General Bragg and his subordinate commanders of the battle of Chickamauga."

JEFFERSON DAVIS.

The message was read.

Ordered, That it be referred to the Committee on Military Affairs.

On motion by Mr. Burnett,

Ordered, That the Committee on Claims be discharged from the further consideration of the memorial of Wellington Goddin.

Mr. Burnett, from the Committee on Claims, to whom was referred the bill (S. 9) for the relief of Green T. Hill, reported it without amendment.

The Senate proceeded, as in Committee of the Whole, to the consideration of the said bill; and having been amended on the motion of Mr. Semmes, it was reported to the Senate and the amendment was concurred in.

Ordered, That the bill be engrossed and read a third time.

The said bill was read the third time.

Resolved, That it pass, and that the title thereof be as aforesaid.

Ordered, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the House of Representatives therein.

Mr. Burnett submitted the following resolution; which was considered by unanimous consent and agreed to:

Resolved, That the thirty-first rule of the Senate be amended by adding thereto the following:

"A committee on public buildings, to consist of three members."

On motion by Mr. Burnett,

Ordered, That the committee be appointed by the President pro tempore; and

Mr. Baker, Mr. Simms, and Mr. Walker were appointed.

A message from the House of Representatives, by Mr. Dalton:

Mr. President: The House of Representatives have agreed to the amendments of the Senate to the bill (H. R. 68) to exempt railroad companies from the payment of certain duties.

And they have passed a bill (H. R. 52) to amend an act of this Congress entitled "An act to provide for holding elections of Representatives in the Congress of the Confederate States in the State of Tennessee;" in which they request the concurrence of the Senate.

The bill (H. R. 52) last mentioned was read the first and second times and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

The Senate resumed, as in Committee of the Whole, the consideration of the bill (S. 32) to authorize the appointment of general officers with temporary rank and command, and to define and limit the power of assigning officers to commands.

On motion by Mr. Sparrow, to amend the bill by inserting at the end of the fourth section the following proviso:

Provided further, That nothing herein contained shall be construed to affect the right of assignment of the five generals appointed by law,

It was determined in the affirmative.

No further amendment being made, the bill was reported to the Senate and the amendments were concurred in.

Ordered, That the bill be engrossed and read a third time.

The said bill was read the third time.

On the question,

Shall the bill now pass?

It was determined in the affirmative,	{ Yeas.....	14
	{ Nays.....	4

On motion by Mr. Hill,

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present, Those who voted in the affirmative are,

Messrs. Baker, Barnwell, Burnett, Caperton, Dortch, Jemison, Johnson of Missouri, Maxwell, Mitchel, Oldham, Orr, Semmes, Sparrow, and Watson.

Those who voted in the negative are,

Messrs. Graham, Henry, Hill, and Hunter.

So it was

Resolved, That this bill pass, and that the title thereof be as aforesaid.

Ordered, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the House of Representatives therein.

A message from the President of the Confederate States, by Mr. B. N. Harrison, his Secretary:

Mr. President: The President of the Confederate States, yesterday, approved and signed the following acts:

§. 12. An act to authorize the withdrawal from the Treasury of money contributed to build an ironclad gunboat by ladies of the State of South Carolina, and deposited therein; and

§. 25. An act for the relief of the widow and heirs of the late Brig. Gen. Leroy A. Stafford, of the Confederate States Army.

Ordered, That the Secretary inform the House of Representatives thereof.

Mr. Johnson of Missouri submitted the following resolution; which was considered and agreed to:

Resolved, That the Committee on Finance be instructed to inquire into the expediency of so amending an act approved February seventeenth, eighteen hundred and sixty-four, entitled "An act to levy additional taxes for the common defense and support of the Government," as to require the assessment and collection of the tax upon the entire stock of incorporated companies to be made at the office or place of business of each of said companies.

On motion by Mr. Sparrow,

The Senate resolved into executive session.

The doors having been opened,

On motion by Mr. Barnwell,

The Senate adjourned.

EXECUTIVE SESSION.

The following messages were received from the President of the Confederate States, by Mr. B. N. Harrison, his Secretary:

RICHMOND, VA., May 19, 1864.

To the Senate of the Confederate States:

Agreeably to the recommendation of the Secretary of the Navy, I hereby nominate the persons named upon the annexed list to the offices designated.

JEFFERSON DAVIS.

NAVY DEPARTMENT, *Richmond, May 18, 1864.*

THE PRESIDENT.

SIR: I have the honor to recommend the following nominations for appointment in the Regular Navy:

Paymaster.

Assistant Paymaster James E. Armour, of Alabama, to be promoted, vice Paymaster George H. Ritchie, resigned.

Assistant paymasters.

Marsden Bellamy, of North Carolina; Basil M. Heriot, of South Carolina, and Norton Kent Adams, of Alabama.

I am, respectfully, your obedient servant,

S. R. MALLORY,
Secretary of the Navy.

The message was read.

Ordered, That it be referred to the Committee on Naval Affairs.

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT, *Richmond, May 20, 1864.*

To the Senate of the Confederate States:

Agreeably to the recommendation of the Secretary of War, I nominate Robert Strange, of North Carolina, to be aid-de-camp, with rank of major, under act approved March 25, 1862, for duty with General Bragg.

JEFFERSON DAVIS.

WAR DEPARTMENT, *Richmond, May 20, 1864.*

SIR: I have the honor to recommend the nomination of Robert Strange, of North Carolina, to be aid-de-camp, with the rank of major in the Provisional Army of the Confederate States, under act approved March 25, 1862, for duty with General Bragg, to take rank from May 4, 1864.

I am, sir, respectfully, your obedient servant,

JAMES A. SEDDON,
Secretary of War.

To His Excellency JEFFERSON DAVIS,
President, etc.

The message was read.

Ordered, That it be referred to the Committee on Military Affairs.

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT, *Richmond, May 19, 1864.*

To the Senate of the Confederate States:

Agreeably to the recommendation of the Secretary of the Treasury, I hereby nominate James R. Sneed, to be the collector for the port of Savannah, Ga.

JEFFERSON DAVIS.

TREASURY DEPARTMENT, CONFEDERATE STATES OF AMERICA,
Richmond, May 19, 1864.

His Excellency the PRESIDENT.

SIR: I recommend the nomination of James R. Sneed, to be the collector of the port of Savannah, Ga.

Very respectfully,

C. G. MEMMINGER,
Secretary of Treasury.

The message was read.

Ordered, That it be referred to the Committee on Commerce.

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT, *Richmond, May 19, 1864.*

To the Senate of the Confederate States:

Agreeably to the recommendation of the Secretary of War, I nominate the officers on the accompanying list to the rank of brigadier-general in the Provisional Army of the Confederate States of America.

JEFFERSON DAVIS.

WAR DEPARTMENT, *Richmond, May 19, 1864.*

SIR: I have the honor to recommend the following nominations for appointment in the Provisional Army of the Confederate States of America:

Brigadier-generals.

Col. C. A. Evans, of Georgia, to be brigadier-general, vice Brig. Gen. J. B. Gordon, promoted major-general, to take rank from May 19, 1864.

Col. William Terry, of Virginia, to be brigadier-general, to command consolidated brigades of Jones, Stuart, and J. A. Walker (Brig. Gen. John M. Jones having been killed, Brig. Gen. George H. Stuart, a prisoner of war, and Brig. Gen. J. A. Walker disabled by wounds from field service), appointed under act October 13, 1862, to take rank from May 19, 1864.

I am, sir, respectfully, your obedient servant,

JAMES A. SEDDON,
Secretary of War.

To His Excellency JEFFERSON DAVIS,
President, etc.

The Senate proceeded to consider the nominations of Col. C. A. Evans and Col. William Terry, to be brigadier-generals; and in concurrence therewith, it was

Resolved, That the Senate advise and consent to their appointment, agreeably to the nomination of the President.

Mr. Brown, from the Committee on Naval Affairs, to whom were referred (on the 5th instant) the nominations of Henry H. McCune, of Missouri, and Edward Crenshaw, of Alabama, to be second lieutenants in the Marine Corps, reported, with the recommendation that all of said nominations be confirmed.

The Senate proceeded to consider said report; and in concurrence therewith, it was

Resolved, That the Senate advise and consent to their appointment, agreeably to the nomination of the President.

Mr. Brown, from the Committee on Naval Affairs, to whom was referred (on the 10th instant) the nomination of Levi M. Tucker, to be assistant paymaster in the Navy, reported, with the recommendation that said nomination be confirmed.

The Senate proceeded to consider said report; and in concurrence therewith, it was

Resolved, That the Senate advise and consent to his appointment, agreeably to the nomination of the President.

Mr. Barnwell, from the Committee on Finance, to whom were referred (on the 18th instant) the nominations of D. N. Kennedy as State collector for Tennessee, and R. M. Lusher as State collector for Louisiana, reported, with the recommendation that all of said nominations be confirmed.

The Senate proceeded to consider said report; and in concurrence therewith, it was

Resolved, That the Senate advise and consent to their appointment, agreeably to the nomination of the President.

The Senate resumed the consideration of the resolution submitted by Mr. Hill (on the 17th instant), from the Committee on the Judiciary, on the conflicting claims of F. M. Green and W. B. Lowry for promotion in the Eleventh Regiment of Mississippi Volunteers; and

On motion by Mr. Graham, that the resolutions lie upon the table. It was determined in the negative.

The question then recurring on agreeing to the resolutions.

Mr. Orr demanded a division of the question; and

On the question to agree to the first branch of the resolution, declaring that F. M. Green at the time of the nominations for field officers of the Eleventh Mississippi Regiment to the Senate at its last session was by law the senior and ranking officer of said regiment,

It was determined in the affirmative,	{ Yeas-----	13
	{ Nays-----	3

On motion by Mr. Orr,

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present. Those who voted in the affirmative are,

Messrs. Baker, Barnwell, Henry, Hill, Hunter, Johnson of Missouri, Maxwell, Mitchel, Oldham, Semmes, Sparrow, Walker, and Watson.

Those who voted in the negative are,

Messrs. Brown, Graham, and Orr.

On the question to agree to the second branch of the resolution providing

That a copy of the report of the Judiciary Committee on the executive message of the fourth May, eighteen hundred and sixty-four, accompanying the nomination of F. M. Green as colonel of the Eleventh Mississippi Regiment, and also a copy of these resolutions, be transmitted to the President and to F. M. Green and W. B. Lowry,

On motion by Mr. Sparrow, to amend the same by striking out the words "and to F. M. Green and W. B. Lowry,"

It was determined in the affirmative.

On the question to agree to the second branch of the resolution as amended,

It was determined in the negative, { Yeas----- 8
 { Nays----- 8

On motion by Mr. Orr,

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present,
 Those who voted in the affirmative are,

Messrs. Barnwell, Hill, Hunter, Maxwell, Semmes, Sparrow, Walker,
 and Watson.

Those who voted in the negative are,

Messrs. Baker, Brown, Graham, Henry, Johnson of Missouri,
 Mitchel, Oldham, and Orr.

So the resolution as amended was agreed to, as follows:

Resolved, That F. M. Green at the time of the nominations for field officers of the Eleventh Mississippi Regiment to the Senate at its last session was by law the senior and ranking officer of said regiment.

On motion by Mr. Sparrow.

Ordered, That the injunction of secrecy be removed from the proceedings of the Senate in the conflicting claims of F. M. Green and W. B. Lowry for promotion in the Eleventh Regiment of Mississippi Volunteers.

Mr. Brown submitted the following resolution; which was considered and agreed to:

Resolved, That the Committee on Public Buildings be instructed to inquire whether this Chamber is so situated in reference to the surrounding rooms, halls, and passages that persons outside can not hear what is said when the doors are closed and the Senate in secret session.

On motion by Mr. Barnwell.

The Senate resolved into open legislative session.

SATURDAY, MAY 21, 1864.

OPEN SESSION.

A message from the House of Representatives, by Mr. Dalton:

Mr. President: The House of Representatives have passed a bill (H. R. 98) to amend an act entitled "An act to reduce the currency and to authorize a new issue of notes and bonds," approved February 17, 1864; in which they request the concurrence of the Senate.

The bill (H. R. 98) last mentioned was read the first and second times and referred to the Committee on Finance.

On motion by Mr. Sparrow,

Ordered, That the joint committee on the part of the Senate on the subject of impressments be appointed by the President pro tempore; and

Mr. Graham, Mr. Barnwell, and Mr. Watson were appointed.

Ordered, That the Secretary inform the House of Representatives thereof.

Mr. Brown submitted the following resolution; which was considered and agreed to:

Resolved, That the Committee on Military Affairs be instructed to inquire into the propriety of providing by law for retiring from the line such field and company officers as have or may hereafter become unfit for active service by reason of disease or wounds, so as to open the way for promotion to those below them who remain in the field in the actual discharge of their duties; and that they further inquire whether an officer who is absent from his command in time of battle, unless from absolute

disability, or under orders from his superior, or is a prisoner, ought not to be dropped; and, further, if it is not expedient and proper to assume that an officer who is absent for three months or more, unless he is a prisoner, is *prima facie* unfit for duty, or is delinquent in the discharge of his duty, and ought therefore to be either retired or dropped; and generally what ought to be done to get officers of superior rank, who do not perform duty in the field, out of the way of officers of inferior grade who do perform such duty.

Mr. Graham (by leave) introduced

A bill (S. 37) to amend an act entitled "An act to impose regulations upon the foreign commerce of the Confederate States to provide for the public defense," approved February 6, 1864, and for other purposes;

which was read the first and second times and referred to the Committee on Commerce.

The President *pro tempore* laid before the Senate a communication from the Secretary of the Treasury in relation to the claim of Zedekiah McDaniel and Francis M. Ewing for sinking the enemy's gunboat Cairo in the Yazoo River; which was referred to the Committee on Naval Affairs.

Mr. Sparrow, from the Committee on Military Affairs, reported

A bill (S. 38) for the payment of commissioners appointed under the act entitled "An act to suspend the privilege of the writ of habeas corpus in certain cases," and to confer certain powers upon said commissioners;

which was read the first and second times and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Mr. Sparrow, from the Committee on Military Affairs, reported the following bills:

S. 39. A bill to amend the several acts in regard to chaplains;

S. 40. A bill to amend the act to allow commissioned officers of the Army rations and the privilege of purchasing clothing from the Quartermaster's Department, approved 17th February, 1864; and

S. 41. A bill to provide for the appointment of a disbursing clerk in the War Department;

which were severally read the first and second times and considered as in Committee of the Whole; and no amendment being proposed, they were severally reported to the Senate.

Ordered, That they be engrossed and read a third time.

The said bills were severally read the third time.

Resolved, That they pass, and that their titles, respectively, be as aforesaid.

Ordered, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the House of Representatives therein.

On motion by Mr. Burnett,

Ordered, That the memorial of Wellington Goddin be referred to the Committee on Claims.

The Senate proceeded, as in Committee of the Whole, to the consideration of the bill (S. 14) to amend an act entitled "An act to provide an invalid corps," approved 17th February, 1864; and no amendment being proposed, it was reported to the Senate.

Ordered, That it be engrossed and read a third time.

The said bill was read the third time.

Resolved, That it pass, and that the title thereof be as aforesaid.

Ordered, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the House of Representatives therein.

The Senate proceeded, as in Committee of the Whole, to the consideration of the bill (S. 36) to provide for the impressment of the railroad iron, equipments, and rolling stock of railroads when the same shall become necessary for the public defense, and to make further provisions for the efficient transportation of troops and military supplies; and

On motion by Mr. Hill,

Ordered, That it be referred to the Joint Committee on Impressments.

Mr. Oldham, from the Committee on Commerce, to whom was referred the bill (S. 30) to amend an act to impose regulations upon the foreign commerce of the Confederate States to provide for the public defense, approved February 6, 1864, reported it without amendment.

The Senate proceeded, as in Committee of the Whole, to the consideration of the said bill; and

On motion by Mr. Walker,

Ordered, That it be recommitted to the Committee on Commerce.

Mr. Jemison (by leave) introduced

A bill (S. 42) to legalize the organization of eight companies of cadets in the State of Alabama; which was read the first and second times and referred to the Committee on Military Affairs.

The Senate proceeded, as in Committee of the Whole, to the consideration of the bill (S. 20) to establish a bureau of foreign supplies.

On the question to agree to the following reported amendment, viz: Strike out all after the enacting clause and insert:

That for the purpose of exporting cotton and other produce to supply, by no imports, the military and other necessities of the Government during the continuance of the war with the United States, an independent bureau of the War Department be established, to be entitled "The Bureau of Foreign Supplies."

Sec. 2. That the said bureau shall be charged with the purchase of cotton and other produce for export, and with the sale of the same, and with all the duties and expenditures connected with the purchase and import of munitions of war and such other supplies as may be required by the several Departments of the Government.

Sec. 3. That all steamers now owned by any of the Departments of the Government, and used to supply their necessities from abroad, may be continued in that use, but shall be turned over to the Navy Department, to be officered, manned, equipped, and sailed, under direction of the Secretary of the Navy.

Sec. 4. That the chief of this bureau shall, under the Secretary of War, have full power to purchase and contract for such vessels and steamers, to be owned wholly or in part by the Government, as may be necessary for the discharge of the duties imposed upon the bureau, and to obtain the general objects of its establishment, as set forth in the first section of this act: *Provided*, That in the purchase of such vessels the chief of said bureau shall be guided by an officer of the Navy, and that all vessels in which the Government has a controlling interest may be delivered to the Secretary of the Navy, to be officered, manned, equipped, and sailed under his direction.

Sec. 5. That all permits or licenses for the exportation of cotton or other domestic produce on private account that may be authorized by the act of Congress entitled "An act to impose regulations upon the foreign commerce of the Confederate States to provide for the public defense" shall be issued from this bureau, under such regulations as may be prescribed in the said act or under any authority granted therein to the President, the Secretary of War, or other Department, and under such conditions as may be effectual to secure the fulfillment of the objects of the present act: *Provided*, That nothing in the present act shall be construed to affect the export of any cotton or other produce under the control of the Treasury or other Department to secure any of the bonds or obligations of the Confederate States.

Sec. 6. That the said bureau shall cause to be paid into the Treasury all moneys

that may accrue from the sales of cotton and other produce that may be disposed of under its authority, and that the proceeds shall be apportioned among the several Departments, under instructions of the President, and be drawn for as in other cases of appropriations.

SEC. 7. That the said bureau shall consist of one colonel and one lieutenant-colonel, with the pay and allowances of officers of artillery, who may be appointed from civil life, and shall be men of commercial experience and capacity, and such inferior officers as may be assigned to that duty, with such agents and clerks as may be deemed necessary by the President, whose compensation shall be fixed by the Secretary of War.

SEC. 8. That the chief of said bureau may appoint suitable purchasing agents of known integrity and business capacity, who shall be charged with the purchase of cotton and other produce and the transportation of the same to points for shipment, under regulations to be prescribed by the chief of said bureau, under the approval of the President and Secretary of War. Each of said agents shall, before entering upon his duties, give bond, with good and sufficient security, to be approved by the chief of said bureau, conditioned for the faithful performance of his duty, and shall also take and subscribe an oath before some officer authorized by law to administer the same that he will not, directly or indirectly, be engaged in the purchase or sale, on private account, for himself or any other person, of any cotton or other produce appertaining to his said agency while so employed as agent of the Government.

SEC. 9. That any officer or agent connected with said bureau who shall be guilty of buying or selling, directly or indirectly, on private account, for himself or any other person, any cotton or other produce of which said bureau is charged with the purchase, shall, upon conviction before any court of the Confederate States having jurisdiction, be fined by the court in a sum not exceeding dollars, and be imprisoned for a term not less than nor more than years.

SEC. 10. That there shall be established an agency of said bureau, and auxiliary thereto, for the States west of the Mississippi River, the officers of which shall consist of one lieutenant-colonel of artillery, who may be appointed from civil life, and shall be a man of commercial experience and capacity, and such inferior officers as may be assigned to that duty, with such agents as may be deemed necessary by the President, whose compensation shall be fixed by the Secretary of War. Said agency shall establish its office at such place in the States west of the Mississippi River as may be selected by the chief officer thereof, and shall be charged with the purchase and exportation of cotton and other produce, and the importation of munitions of war and other supplies for the Army of the Trans-Mississippi Department, and such other supplies as may be needed by the Government, or any of its Departments in said military department.

SEC. 11. Such agency, and the chief officer thereof, shall possess like power and duties for the States west of the Mississippi River as are conferred by this act upon said bureau and the chief officer thereof, but subordinate and subject to said bureau.

SEC. 12. That the purchasing agents west of the Mississippi River shall take the oath and give bond as provided in the eighth section of this act; and the officers and agents shall be subject to the penalties prescribed by the ninth section, if found guilty of the offense therein specified.

SEC. 13. That the said agency shall have power to establish such interior depots for the receipt of cotton and other produce intended for exportation into or through Mexico, as may be deemed necessary and proper, and may also prescribe rules and regulations for granting permits to individuals to transport cotton or other produce to said depots, as well as seaports, and may impose such terms and conditions beneficial to the Government, as a consideration for such permits, as may be deemed just and proper.

SEC. 14. That the business of the cotton bureau established under a special order of Lieutenant-General E. Kirby Smith, commanding the Trans-Mississippi Department, be, and the same is hereby, transferred to the said agency of the said bureau west of the Mississippi River, and the operations and transactions of said bureau, established as aforesaid, not inconsistent with the provisions of this act, are hereby ratified and confirmed.

On motion by Mr. Mitchel, to amend the reported amendment by inserting after "life," section 7, line 3, the words "by the President, by and with the advice and consent of the Senate,"

It was determined in the affirmative.

On motion by Mr. Oldham, to amend the reported amendment by inserting after "exceeding," section 9, line 7, the words "five thousand," and by inserting after "less than," in the eighth line of the same section, the word "one," and by inserting after "more than," in the same line, the word "five."

It was determined in the affirmative.

On motion by Mr. Mitchel, to amend the reported amendment by inserting after "life," section 10, line 4, the words "by the President, by and with the advice and consent of the Senate,"

It was determined in the affirmative.

The reported amendment as amended was then agreed to.

No further amendment being made, the bill was reported to the Senate and the amendment was concurred in.

Ordered, That the bill be engrossed and read a third time.

The said bill was read the third time.

Resolved, That it pass, and that the title thereof be as aforesaid.

Ordered, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the House of Representatives therein.

A message from the House of Representatives, by Mr. Dalton:

Mr. President: I am directed to communicate to the Senate information of the death of the Hon. David M. Currin, a member-elect of the House of Representatives from the State of Tennessee, and the proceedings of the House of Representatives thereon.

Mr. Henry submitted the following resolutions; which were considered and agreed to:

Resolved, That the Senate receives with sincere regret the announcement of the death of the Honorable David M. Currin, late a member-elect of the House of Representatives from the State of Tennessee, and tenders to the family of the deceased the assurance of their sympathy with them under the bereavement they have been called to sustain.

Resolved, That the Secretary of the Senate be directed to transmit to the family of Mr. Currin a certified copy of the foregoing resolution.

Resolved (as a mark of respect for the memory of the deceased), That the Senate do now adjourn.

Whereupon,

The Senate adjourned.

EXECUTIVE SESSION.

The following message was received from the President of the Confederate States, by Mr. B. N. Harrison, his Secretary:

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT, *Richmond, May 21, 1864.*

To the Senate of the Confederate States:

Agreeably to the recommendation of the Secretary of War, I nominate the officers in the accompanying list to the rank of brigadier-general in the Provisional Army of the Confederate States.

JEFFERSON DAVIS.

WAR DEPARTMENT, *Richmond, May 21, 1864.*

SIR: I have the honor to recommend the following nominations for appointment in the Provisional Army of the Confederate States of America:

Brigadier-generals.

Col. John McCausland, of Virginia, to be brigadier-general (to continue in command of the brigade, now acting under him as colonel), to take rank from May 18, 1864.

Col. Thomas M. Scott, of Louisiana, to be brigadier-general, to command brigade of infantry in Loring's division, lately under command of Brig. Gen. A. Buford, to take rank from May 10, 1864.

I am, sir, respectfully, your obedient servant,

JAMES A. SEDDON,
Secretary of War.

To His Excellency JEFFERSON DAVIS,
President, &c.

The message was read.

Ordered, That it be referred to the Committee on Military Affairs.

Mr. Oldham, from the Committee on Commerce, to whom was referred on yesterday the nomination of James R. Sneed, to be the collector for the port of Savannah, Ga., reported, with the recommendation that said nomination be confirmed.

The Senate proceeded to consider said report; and in concurrence therewith, it was

Resolved, That the Senate advise and consent to his appointment, agreeably to the nomination of the President.

On motion by Mr. Baker,

Ordered, That the Committee on Public Buildings be discharged from the further consideration of the resolution submitted by Mr. Brown on yesterday, inquiring whether this Chamber is so situated in reference to the surrounding rooms, halls, and passages that persons outside can not hear what is said when the doors are closed and the Senate in secret session.

Mr. Orr, from the Committee on Foreign Affairs, to whom was referred (on the 18th instant) the nomination of P. N. Lynch, to be special commissioner of the Confederate States to the States of the Church, reported, with the recommendation that said nomination be confirmed.

The Senate proceeded to consider said report; and

After debate,

On motion by Mr. Hunter,

The Senate resolved into open legislative session.

MONDAY, MAY 23, 1864.

OPEN SESSION.

On motion by Mr. Hill,

Ordered, That the Hon. Herschel V. Johnson have leave of absence from the sessions of the Senate during the remainder of the present session.

Mr. Sparrow presented the memorial of J. S. Thrasher, praying the passage of an act allowing the proper officers of the Government to sell to reporters for the press supplies of food and forage; which was referred to the Committee on Military Affairs.

Mr. Sparrow submitted the following resolution for consideration:

Resolved, That the Committee on the Judiciary be instructed to inquire into the expediency of reporting a bill for the suspension of the writ of habeas corpus after the expiration of the present law, and of providing by said bill that the said suspension shall continue until the close of the next session of Congress.

The Senate proceeded to consider the said resolution; and

On motion by Mr. Graham,

Ordered, That the further consideration thereof be postponed until to-morrow.

Mr. Semmes (by leave) introduced

A bill (S. 43) to regulate the pay of a general assigned to duty at the seat of government under the provisions of the act approved March 25, 1862;

which was read the first and second times and referred to the Committee on Military Affairs.

Mr. Orr presented the memorial of John P. King and others, praying the passage of an act placing railroad interests on an equal footing with other leading interests of the country; which was referred to the Committee on Finance.

Mr. Oldham, from the Committee on Commerce, to whom was recommitted the bill (S. 30) to amend an act to impose regulations upon the foreign commerce of the Confederate States to provide for the public defense, approved February 6, 1864, reported it without amendment.

The Senate proceeded, as in Committee of the Whole, to the consideration of the said bill; and no amendment being proposed, it was reported to the Senate.

Ordered, That it be engrossed and read a third time.

The said bill was read the third time.

Resolved, That it pass, and that the title thereof be as aforesaid.

Ordered, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the House of Representatives therein.

A message from the House of Representatives, by Mr. Dalton:

Mr. President: The House of Representatives have passed a joint resolution (H. R. 7) to prevent restrictions upon the right of members of Congress to visit sick and wounded officers and soldiers in hospitals; in which they request the concurrence of the Senate.

The Speaker of the House of Representatives having signed sundry enrolled bills and enrolled joint resolutions, I am directed to bring them to the Senate for the signature of their President.

Mr. Maxwell, from the Committee on Commerce, to whom was referred the bill (S. 37) to amend an act entitled "An act to impose regulations upon the foreign commerce of the Confederate States to provide for the public defense," approved February 6, 1864, and for other purposes, reported it with an amendment.

The Senate proceeded, as in Committee of the Whole, to the consideration of the said bill.

On the question to agree to the following reported amendment, viz: After the word "exportation," in the twenty-fourth line, insert the following proviso:

Provided, That this exception in favor of such parties shall only apply to cases where the joint interest with the State existed at the date of the passage of the acts aforesaid.

On motion by Mr. Maxwell, to amend the amendment by inserting after "interest" the words "or the charter,"

It was determined in the affirmative.

The amendment as amended was then agreed to.

On motion by Mr. Oldham, to amend the bill by striking therefrom the words

and by no regulations imposed as aforesaid, shall the other parties in said companies be restricted to the use of less than one-half of the whole of the capacity or cargo of such ship, vessel, or steamer, in importation or exportation: *Provided*, That this

exception in favor of such parties shall only apply to cases where the joint interest or the charter with the State existed at the date of the passage of the acts aforesaid, any clause or provision of either of the acts aforesaid to the contrary notwithstanding.

It was determined in the affirmative.

On motion by Mr. Semmes, to amend the bill by striking therefrom the words "and also of the act to prohibit the importation of luxuries, or of articles not necessities or of common use, approved February sixth, eighteen hundred and sixty-four,"

It was determined in the negative.

On motion by Mr. Walker, to amend the bill by adding thereto the following proviso:

Provided, That nothing herein contained shall authorize the importation of articles the importation of which is prohibited by the act to prohibit the importation of luxuries, or of articles not necessities or of common use, approved February sixth, eighteen hundred and sixty-four, unless the same be for the use or on account of the States,

It was determined in the affirmative.

No further amendment being made, the bill was reported to the Senate and the amendments were concurred in.

On the question,

Shall the bill be engrossed and read a third time?

It was determined in the affirmative,	} Yeas ----- 13 Nays ----- 9

On motion by Mr. Semmes,

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present, Those who voted in the affirmative are,

Messrs. Baker, Burnett, Caperton, Dortch, Graham, Henry, Maxwell, Mitchel, Oldham, Orr, Simms, Walker, and Watson.

Those who voted in the negative are,

Messrs. Barnwell, Brown, Hill, Hunter, Jemison, Johnson of Missouri, Semmes, Sparrow, and Wigfall.

So it was

Ordered, That the bill be engrossed and read a third time.

The said bill was read the third time.

Resolved, That it pass, and that the title thereof be as aforesaid.

Ordered, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the House of Representatives therein.

The President pro tempore laid before the Senate a communication from the Secretary of the Treasury, recommending certain changes in the impressment laws; which was read.

Ordered, That it be referred to the Committee on Finance.

The joint resolution (H. R. 7) to prevent restrictions upon the right of members of Congress to visit sick and wounded officers and soldiers in hospitals was read the first and second times and referred to the Committee on Military Affairs.

Mr. Dortch, from the committee, reported that they had examined and found truly enrolled bills and joint resolutions of the following titles:

S. 5. An act to provide passports for Senators and Representatives in Congress when traveling in the Confederate States;

S. 11. An act to extend the franking privilege;

S. 3. Joint resolution of thanks to Missouri officers and soldiers in the Confederate service east of the Mississippi River;

H. R. 2. An act to provide for the redemption of the old issue of Treasury notes held by certain Indian tribes;

H. R. 30. An act to authorize the appointment of commissaries for regiments of cavalry;

H. R. 68. An act to exempt railroad companies from the payment of certain duties;

H. R. 4. Joint resolution of thanks to Maj. Gen. N. B. Forrest and the officers and men of his command for their campaign in Mississippi, west Tennessee, and Kentucky;

H. R. 5. Joint resolution authorizing the auditing of accounts of members for pay and mileage; and

H. R. 6. Joint resolution requiring the Department of Justice to furnish the standing committees of the two Houses with printed copies of the acts of Congress.

The President pro tempore having signed the enrolled bills and enrolled joint resolutions last reported to have been examined, they were delivered to the Secretary of the Senate and by him forthwith presented to the President of the Confederate States for his approval.

The Senate resumed, as in Committee of the Whole, the consideration of the bill (S. 15) to authorize the payment of the actual and necessary expenses of naval officers while traveling under orders; and

On motion by Mr. Sparrow,

Ordered, That the further consideration thereof be postponed until to-morrow.

Mr. Semmes presented the memorial of Mylo N. Byington, praying the passage of an act to refund certain moneys taken from him by the military authorities in the State of Louisiana; which was referred to the Committee on Claims.

On motion by Mr. Sparrow,

The Senate resolved into secret legislative session.

The doors having been opened,

On motion by Mr. Semmes,

The Senate adjourned.

SECRET SESSION.

Mr. Simms submitted the following resolution; which was considered and agreed to:

Whereas the Constitution makes it the duty of Congress to provide means for the support of the Government and the maintenance of its public credit; and

Whereas the present depreciated value of Treasury notes not only operates to the prejudice and injury of the public credit of the Government and an increase of its public debt, but thereby impairs its ability to maintain efficiently its armies in the field by forcing it to issue in payment of supplies for the use of the Army twenty dollars in Treasury notes, to be hereafter paid in gold, for which it receives but one dollar in gold or its equivalent in supplies, according to the present standard of value of such notes; and

Whereas the inevitable effect of this condition of our finances is to force the Government to expend twenty millions of dollars when one million would suffice, thereby making our public debt exceed the amount necessary for the prosecution of the war twenty times, or, in other words, making it two thousand millions, when, under a wiser policy, it should only be one hundred millions of dollars; and

Whereas our commerce is excluded from the markets of the world, and the resources arising therefrom can not be made available as a means of public credit, or as a means whereby supplies may be obtained at rates more reasonable, we are therefore compelled to rely upon our public credit as the only means left us whereby the wants of the Treasury may be supplied and its large outstanding liabilities met; and

Whereas we know by experience that the public faith of a people in the integrity of their Government and its willingness to pay can not and will not sustain, at par value, or at a rate approximating par value, its public credit or its issues of promise

to pay Treasury notes; it becomes, therefore, the high duty of Congress to gravely consider the propriety of so using and applying the internal resources of the country as to make them not only available in the present exigency, but as a means whereby the public credit may be restored; provided this can be done without injury or prejudice to the property rights of the citizen. To the end thereby that these grave questions may be properly considered and determined, be it

Resolved, That the Committee on Finance be instructed to inquire into the expediency of conferring upon the Government of the Confederate States the exclusive right and power to sell and dispose of all cotton, tobacco, and naval stores now in the Confederate States, or which may be made or produced during the present war, and that the right and power thus conferred shall be in the nature of a monopoly, to continue for the period of five years if necessary.

Second. To enable the Government to exercise availably this right and power, they also inquire into the expediency of "taking for the public use" all cotton, tobacco, and naval stores now owned or possessed by any citizen or resident within the Confederate States, or which shall hereafter be made or produced during the present war, provided said cotton, tobacco, and naval stores shall be within the limits or jurisdiction of said States, by first paying to the owner or owners thereof a just compensation for the same in coin, before the title of the same shall pass to the said Government.

Third. In order to insure to the owner or owners of all such property a just compensation for the same, the average rates at which all cotton, tobacco, and naval stores were sold, for the five years preceding the war, should be adopted as a rate of compensation.

Fourth. That the Government after acquiring the control of all such property should establish a price at which the same might be sold, which price should not be less than two hundred per cent over and above the price paid for such cotton, tobacco, and naval stores.

Fifth. In order to insure a sale of the same upon the best possible terms the Government should be authorized to stipulate and guarantee to the purchaser that any cotton, tobacco, or naval stores that might be sold by its authority should not be destroyed or injured in any place where it might be located by order of the Government, in the event the enemy should occupy such locality.

Sixth. In selling or disposing of cotton, tobacco, or naval stores to any foreign Government, their agents, or citizens, that should be first sold which might be located in those districts most liable to invasion or capture by the enemy.

Seventh. That the gold or proceeds arising from the sale of all such cotton, tobacco, or naval stores over and above the cost price of the same, not necessary to purchase supplies for the Army, should be used by the Government, through trustworthy and confidential agents, in purchasing outstanding Treasury notes at their ratable value in the market.

On motion by Mr. Sparrow,

The Senate resolved into executive session.

EXECUTIVE SESSION.

Mr. Brown, from the Committee on Naval Affairs, to whom were referred (on the 20th instant) the nominations of James E. Armour, to be paymaster, and Marsden Bellamy, Basil M. Heriot, and Norton Kent Adams, to be assistant paymasters, in the Regular Navy, reported, with the recommendation that all of said nominations be confirmed.

The Senate proceeded to consider said report; and in concurrence therewith, it was

Resolved, That the Senate advise and consent to their appointment, agreeably to the nomination of the President.

Mr. Hill, from the Committee on the Judiciary, who were instructed by a resolution of the Senate to inquire into the subject, submitted the following resolutions:

Resolved, That nominations made during the session of the Senate, and not continued or postponed for further consideration by order of the Senate to an ensuing session, lapse and expire at the end of the session at which the nominations were made.

Resolved, That in case of nominations made during its session the Senate has the constitutional right by order entered on its Journal to postpone or continue such nominations for further consideration to its ensuing session and at such session to confirm or reject the same.

The Senate proceeded to consider said resolutions; and

On the question to agree thereto,

Mr. Johnson of Missouri demanded a division of the question; and

On the question to agree to the first resolution,

It was determined in the affirmative,	} Yeas	17
	} Nays	0

On motion by Mr. Oldham,

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present,
Those who voted in the affirmative are,

Messrs. Baker, Barnwell, Caperton, Graham, Henry, Hill, Hunter, Jemison, jr., Johnson of Missouri, Maxwell, Mitchel, Oldham, Orr, Semmes, Sparrow, Walker, and Watson.

On the question to agree to the second resolution,

It was determined in the affirmative,	} Yeas	13
	} Nays	4

On motion by Mr. Oldham,

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present,
Those who voted in the affirmative are,

Messrs. Baker, Barnwell, Caperton, Graham, Henry, Hill, Jemison, jr., Maxwell, Orr, Semmes, Sparrow, Walker, and Watson.

Those who voted in the negative are,

Messrs. Hunter, Johnson of Missouri, Mitchel, and Oldham.

So the resolutions were agreed to.

Mr. Sparrow submitted the following resolution; which was considered and agreed to:

Resolved, That all nominations which have heretofore been made to the Senate, and which have not been finally disposed of by the Senate, but which have been postponed or continued, be taken from the files and referred to the Committee on Military Affairs.

Mr. Sparrow, from the Committee on Military Affairs, to whom was referred the nomination of F. M. Green, to be colonel, reported, with the recommendation that said nomination be confirmed.

The Senate proceeded to consider said report; and in concurrence therewith, it was

Resolved, That the Senate advise and consent to his appointment, agreeably to the nomination of the President.

The Senate resumed the consideration of the nomination of P. N. Lynch, to be special commissioner of the Confederate States to the States of the Church; and

After debate,

On motion by Mr. Semmes,

The Senate resolved into open legislative session.

TUESDAY, MAY 24, 1864.

OPEN SESSION.

Mr. Hill presented the credentials of the Hon. Herschel V. Johnson, elected a Senator by the general assembly of the State of Georgia for the term of six years from and after the 18th day of February,

1864; which were read, and the oath prescribed by the Constitution having been administered to Mr. Johnson, he took his seat in the Senate.

Mr. Sparrow presented resolutions of the general assembly of the State of Louisiana in relation to the further prosecution of the war; which were read.

Ordered, That they lie upon the table and be printed.

A message from the House of Representatives, by Mr. Dalton:

Mr. President: The House of Representatives have passed a bill (H. R. 106) to increase the compensation of the noncommissioned officers and privates of the Army of the Confederate States; in which they request the concurrence of the Senate.

Mr. Semmes presented a resolution of the general assembly of the State of Louisiana relative to claims against the Confederate Government; which was read.

Ordered, That it lie upon the table and be printed.

Mr. Semmes submitted the following resolution; which was considered and agreed to:

Resolved, That the Committee on Military Affairs be instructed to inquire into the expediency of causing officers of the Quartermaster's and Commissary's Departments to be detailed or assigned to the duty of auditing and paying claims of the citizens of Louisiana for all property impressed by order of officers in the Confederate service and for hire of teams or negroes.

Mr. Barnwell presented the memorial of citizens of the town of Beaufort, in the State of South Carolina, praying to be relieved from the payment of taxes imposed by the tax bill of 1864; which was referred to the Committee on Finance.

Mr. Barnwell, from the Committee on Finance, reported

A bill (S. 44) to authorize certificates of indebtedness to be given for property purchased or impressed and for transportation, and to provide for payment of the interest on said certificates in specie; which was read the first and second times and ordered to be placed upon the Calendar and printed.

On motion by Mr. Barnwell,

Ordered, That the communication from the Secretary of the Treasury recommending certain changes in the impressment laws be printed.

Mr. Sparrow, from the Committee on Military Affairs, to whom was referred the joint resolution (H. R. 7) to prevent restrictions upon the right of members of Congress to visit sick and wounded officers and soldiers in hospitals, reported it with the recommendation that it ought not to pass.

The Senate proceeded, as in Committee of the Whole, to the consideration of the said resolution; and no amendment being proposed, it was reported to the Senate.

On the question,

Shall the resolution be read a third time?

It was determined in the negative.

So the resolution was rejected.

Ordered, That the Secretary inform the House of Representatives thereof.

Mr. Sparrow, from the Committee on Military Affairs, to whom was referred the bill (S. 43) to regulate the pay of a general assigned to duty at the seat of government under the provisions of the act approved March 25, 1862, reported it without amendment.

Mr. Sparrow, from the Committee on Military Affairs, to whom

was referred the bill (S. 24) to authorize the appointment of additional officers of artillery for ordnance duties, reported it without amendment.

The Senate proceeded, as in Committee of the Whole, to the consideration of the said bill; and no amendment being proposed, it was reported to the Senate.

Ordered, That it be engrossed and read a third time.

The said bill was read the third time.

Resolved, That it pass, and that the title thereof be as aforesaid.

Ordered, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the House of Representatives therein.

Mr. Sparrow, from the Committee on Military Affairs, to whom was referred the bill (S. 23) to provide for the appointment of additional military storekeepers in the Provisional Army of the Confederate States, reported it with an amendment.

The Senate proceeded, as in Committee of the Whole, to the consideration of the said bill; and the reported amendment having been agreed to, the bill was reported to the Senate and the amendment was concurred in.

Ordered, That the bill be engrossed and read a third time.

The said bill was read the third time.

Resolved, That it pass, and that the title thereof be as aforesaid.

Ordered, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the House of Representatives therein.

Mr. Sparrow, from the Committee on Military Affairs, to whom was referred the bill (S. 35) concerning agents of the Press Association of the Confederate States, reported it with amendments.

The Senate proceeded, as in Committee of the Whole, to the consideration of the said bill; and the reported amendments having been agreed to, the bill was reported to the Senate and the amendments were concurred in.

Ordered, That the bill be engrossed and read a third time.

The said bill was read the third time.

Resolved, That it pass, and that the title thereof be as aforesaid.

Ordered, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the House of Representatives therein.

On motion by Mr. Sparrow,

Ordered, That the Committee on Military Affairs be discharged from the further consideration of the memorial of J. S. Thrasher.

Mr. Brown, from the Committee on Naval Affairs, to whom was referred a communication from the Secretary of the Treasury on the subject, reported

A joint resolution (S. 8) directing the settlement of the claim of Zedekiah McDaniel and Francis M. Ewing for destroying the Federal gunboat Cairo, by means of a torpedo;

which was read the first and second times and considered as in Committee of the Whole; and no amendment being proposed, it was reported to the Senate.

Ordered, That it be engrossed and read a third time.

The said resolution was read the third time.

On the question,

Shall the resolution now pass?

It was determined in the affirmative,	{ Yeas -----	19
	{ Nays -----	0

On motion by Mr. Brown,

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present, Those who voted in the affirmative are,

Messrs. Baker, Brown, Burnett, Caperton, Dortch, Graham, Henry, Hill, Hunter, Jemison, Johnson of Georgia, Johnson of Missouri, Maxwell, Mitchel, Orr, Semmes, Simms, Sparrow, and Watson.

So it was

Resolved, That the resolution pass, and that the title thereof be as aforesaid.

Ordered, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the House of Representatives therein.

The Senate proceeded, as in Committee of the Whole, to the consideration of the bill (H. R. 8) to authorize the judge of the district court for the northern district of Georgia to change the place of holding said court; and

On motion by Mr. Hill,

Ordered, That the bill, together with the report of the Committee on the Judiciary (No. 2) thereon, be recommitted to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Mr. Hill submitted the following motion for consideration:

Ordered, That the vote on passing the bill (S. 35) concerning agents of the Press Association of the Confederate States be reconsidered.

The bill (H. R. 106) to increase the compensation of the noncommissioned officers and privates of the Army of the Confederate States was read the first and second times and referred to the Committee on Military Affairs.

A message from the President of the Confederate States, by Mr. B. N. Harrison, his Secretary:

Mr. President: The President of the Confederate States, on yesterday, approved and signed the following acts and joint resolution:

S. 5. An act to provide passports for Senators and Representatives in Congress when traveling in the Confederate States;

S. 11. An act to extend the franking privilege; and

S. 3. Joint resolution of thanks to Missouri officers and soldiers in the Confederate service east of the Mississippi River.

Ordered, That the Secretary inform the House of Representatives thereof.

The Senate resumed the consideration of the resolution submitted by Mr. Sparrow yesterday, instructing the Committee on the Judiciary to inquire into the expediency of reporting a bill for the suspension of the writ of habeas corpus after the expiration of the present law, and of providing by said bill that the said suspension shall continue until the close of the next session of Congress; and

The resolution was agreed to.

On motion by Mr. Orr,

The Senate resolved into executive session.

The doors having been opened,

The Senate resumed, as in Committee of the Whole, the consideration of the bill (S. 15) to authorize the payment of the actual and necessary expenses of naval officers while traveling under orders.

On motion by Mr. Sparrow, to amend the bill by striking out "naval," line 2, and inserting after "officers," in the same line, the words "of the Army and Navy;" by inserting after "Navy," line 3, the words "or War;" and by inserting after "Navy," line 3, the words "or the Secretary of War,"

It was determined in the affirmative.

On motion by Mr. Brown, to amend the bill by inserting at the end thereof the words "and that the Secretary of War and the Secretary of the Navy, at the commencement of each session, shall report to Congress a copy of all the bills paid under this act, and specify the items in each case, together with the certificate of the officer rendering the account,"

It was determined in the affirmative.

On motion by Mr. Brown, to amend the bill by adding thereto the following proviso:

Provided, That no officer shall receive the benefit of this act who is traveling under orders issued at his own solicitation,

It was determined in the affirmative.

On motion by Mr. Orr, to amend the bill by striking out all after the enacting clause and inserting:

That officers of the Army and Navy, while traveling under orders of the War or Navy Department, shall be allowed transportation in kind for themselves and their personal baggage,

It was determined in the affirmative.

No further amendment being made, the bill was reported to the Senate and the amendment was concurred in.

Ordered, That the bill be engrossed and read a third time.

The said bill was read the third time and the title was amended.

Resolved, That it pass, and that the title thereof be "An act to furnish transportation to officers of the Army and Navy while traveling under orders."

Ordered, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the House of Representatives therein.

On motion by Mr. Orr,

The Senate adjourned.

EXECUTIVE SESSION.

The following message was received from the President of the Confederate States, by Mr. B. N. Harrison, his Secretary:

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT, *Richmond, May 23, 1864.*

To the Senate of the Confederate States:

Agreeably to the recommendation of the Secretary of War, I nominate Brig. Gen. B. R. Johnson, of Tennessee, to be major-general in the Provisional Army of the Confederate States of America.

JEFFERSON DAVIS.

WAR DEPARTMENT, *Richmond, May 21, 1864.*

SIR: I have the honor to recommend the nomination of Brig. Gen. B. R. Johnson, of Tennessee, to be major-general in the Provisional Army of the Confederate States of America, for duty with General Beauregard, to take rank from May 21, 1864.

I am, sir, respectfully, your obedient servant,

JAMES A. SEDDON,
Secretary of War.

To His Excellency JEFFERSON DAVIS,
President, &c.

The message was read.

Ordered, That it be referred to the Committee on Military Affairs.

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT, *Richmond, May 23, 1864.**To the Senate of the Confederate States:*

Agreeably to the recommendation of the Secretary of War, I nominate the officers on the accompanying list to the rank affixed to their names, respectively.

JEFFERSON DAVIS.

No. 43.]

WAR DEPARTMENT, *Richmond, May 4, 1864.*

SIR: I have the honor to recommend the following nominations for appointment in the Provisional Army of the Confederate States of America:

Assistant commissaries—captains.

J. H. French, of Texas, to take rank from February 19, 1864.

Thomas N. Minter, of Texas, to take rank from February 19, 1864.

I am, sir, respectfully, your obedient servant,

JAMES A. SEDDON,
*Secretary of War.*To His Excellency JEFFERSON DAVIS,
President, &c.

The message was read.

Ordered, That it be referred to the Committee on Military Affairs.EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT, *Richmond, May 23, 1864.**To the Senate of the Confederate States:*

Agreeably to the recommendation of the Secretary of War, I nominate the officers on the accompanying list to the rank affixed to their names, respectively.

JEFFERSON DAVIS.

No. 13.]

CONFEDERATE STATES OF AMERICA, WAR DEPARTMENT,
Richmond, May 8, 1864.

SIR: I have the honor to recommend the following nominations for appointment in the Provisional Army of the Confederate States of America:

Adjutants—first lieutenants.

William A. S. Taylor, of Virginia, to be adjutant Sixty-first Virginia Regiment, vice Lieutenant Wright, died, to rank from February 19, 1864.

L. Flournoy, of Louisiana, to be adjutant Eleventh Louisiana Battalion, to rank from February 19, 1864.

A. C. Hill, of Texas, to be adjutant Thirty-first Texas Cavalry Regiment, vice Lieutenant Taylor, resigned, to rank from February 19, 1864.

C. N. Welshaus, of Missouri, to be adjutant Eighth Missouri Regiment, vice Lieutenant Kingsland, resigned, to rank from February 19, 1864.

A. M. Barnes, of Arkansas, to be adjutant Thirty-third Arkansas Regiment, to rank from February 19, 1864.

George A. Blain, of Texas, to be adjutant Seventh Texas Regiment, vice Lieutenant Douglas, promoted, to rank from February 19, 1864.

R. M. Harkness, of Alabama, to be adjutant Thirty-sixth Alabama Regiment, vice Lieutenant Hatch, resigned, to rank from February 19, 1864.

Charles P. Roberts, of Georgia, to be adjutant Second Georgia Battalion Sharpshooters, to rank from February 19, 1864.

G. C. Greenway, of Virginia, to be adjutant Forty-fifth Virginia Battalion, to rank from February 19, 1864.

Virgil V. Moore, of Tennessee, to be adjutant Second Mississippi Regiment, Partisan Rangers, to rank from February 19, 1864.

W. J. Sparks, of Texas, to be adjutant Tenth Texas Cavalry Regiment, to rank from February 19, 1864.

J. P. Butler, of Louisiana, to be adjutant First Louisiana Artillery Regiment, to rank from February 19, 1864.

Thomas Barrow, of Georgia, to be adjutant Twenty-ninth Georgia Cavalry Battalion, to rank from February 19, 1864.

William P. Pillans, of South Carolina, to be adjutant Fifth Florida Cavalry Battalion, to rank from February 19, 1864.

William K. Davis, of Tennessee, to be adjutant Fourth Tennessee Cavalry Regiment, to rank from February 19, 1864.

James D. Easley, of Tennessee, to be adjutant Tenth Tennessee Cavalry Regiment, to rank from February 19, 1864.

W. R. Garrett, of Virginia, to be adjutant Eleventh Tennessee Cavalry Regiment, to rank from February 19, 1864.

M. D. Smallman, of Tennessee, to be adjutant Thirteenth Tennessee Cavalry Regiment, to rank from February 19, 1864.

J. C. Judkins, of Alabama, to be adjutant Fifty-seventh Alabama Regiment, to rank from February 19, 1864.

Daniel E. Brown, of South Carolina, to be adjutant Fourteenth South Carolina Regiment, vice Lieutenant Ready, cashiered, to rank from February 19, 1864.

Charles R. Harris, of Alabama, to be adjutant Twenty-eighth Alabama Regiment, vice Lieutenant Lea, resigned, to rank from February 19, 1864.

Robert L. Parrish, of Virginia, to be adjutant Forty-sixth Virginia Cavalry Battalion, to rank from February 26, 1864.

Edwd. H. Davis, of North Carolina, to be adjutant Seventeenth North Carolina Regiment, vice Lieutenant Elliott, resigned, to rank from February 19, 1864.

John A. Lewis, of Kentucky, to be adjutant Ninth Kentucky Cavalry Regiment, vice Lieutenant Cox [Jones?], dismissed, to rank from March 8, 1864.

V. Hewitt, of Kentucky, to be adjutant Sixth Kentucky Cavalry Regiment, vice Lieutenant Buchanan, promoted, to rank from February 29, 1864.

George W. Hunt, of Kentucky, to be adjutant Fifth Kentucky Regiment, vice Lieutenant Johnson, resigned, to rank from March 16, 1864.

Thomas D. Gregory, of Tennessee, to be adjutant First Tennessee Regiment, vice Lieutenant Watson, died, to rank from March 10, 1864.

Alex. B. Moore, of Virginia, to be adjutant Eighth Virginia Regiment, vice Lieutenant Hutchison, promoted, to rank from March 8, 1864.

R. S. Harrison, of Virginia, to be adjutant Thirteenth Virginia Cavalry Regiment, vice Lieutenant Nash, promoted, to rank from March 30, 1864.

W. T. Walke, of Virginia, to be adjutant Thirty-ninth Virginia Cavalry Battalion, vice Lieutenant Wise, jr., declined, to rank from March 30, 1864.

P. W. Arrington, of North Carolina, to be adjutant Thirtieth North Carolina Regiment, vice Lieutenant Carter, dropped, to rank from April 2, 1864.

W. L. McGaughey, of Alabama, to be adjutant Fifth Alabama Cavalry Regiment, vice Lieutenant Wrenn, promoted, to rank from April 4, 1864.

Alfred Holmes, of South Carolina, to be adjutant Twenty-fourth South Carolina Regiment, vice Lieutenant Palmer, died, to rank from April 4, 1864.

Albert B. Allen, of Missouri, to be adjutant Eighth Missouri Cavalry Regiment, to rank from February 19, 1864.

Mell. Whitaker, of Mississippi, to be adjutant First Regiment Engineer Troops, to rank from April 5, 1864.

E. J. Darby, of Missouri, to be adjutant Third Missouri Cavalry Regiment, vice Lieutenant Biser, killed, to rank from February 19, 1864.

George Connor, of Louisiana, to be adjutant Second Louisiana Regiment, vice Lieutenant Kearney, resigned, to rank from April 10, 1864.

J. T. Tannehill, of Alabama, to be adjutant Fifty-third Alabama Regiment, vice Lieutenant Snodgrass, promoted, to rank from April 10, 1864.

E. Phillips, of Florida, to be adjutant Sixth Florida Regiment, vice Lieutenant Ely, promoted, to rank from February 19, 1864.

T. Reynolds, of Louisiana, to be adjutant Fifth Louisiana Regiment, vice Lieutenant Beach, died, to rank from April 12, 1864.

C. H. Gordon, of Georgia, to be adjutant Thirtieth Georgia Cavalry Battalion, to rank from April 12, 1864.

A. McGlashan, of Georgia, to be adjutant Fiftieth Georgia Regiment, vice Lieutenant Roberts, killed, to rank from April 12, 1864.

James W. Mitchell, of Mississippi, to be adjutant Fifteenth Mississippi Regiment, vice Lieutenant Binford, resigned, to rank from April 15, 1864.

S. G. Turner, of Georgia, to be adjutant Nineteenth Georgia Regiment, vice Lieutenant Johnson, killed, to rank from February 20, 1864.

Frank Jones, of Georgia, to be adjutant Cobb's (Georgia) Legion, vice Lieutenant Church, promoted, to rank from April 15, 1864.

J. R. McIntosh, of Mississippi, to be adjutant Twenty-fourth Mississippi Regiment, to rank from April 15, 1864.

W. P. McGowen, of Texas, to be adjutant Fifth Texas Regiment, vice Lieutenant Kerr, promoted, to rank from February 19, 1864.

Robert E. Garnier, of Louisiana, to be adjutant First Louisiana Regiment Volunteers, vice Lieutenant Kenna, killed, to rank from April 23, 1864.

Thomas H. Gibson, of Georgia, to be adjutant Forty-eighth Georgia Regiment, vice Lieutenant Cumming, died, to rank from April 23, 1864.

D. R. W. McIver, of South Carolina, to be adjutant Twenty-first South Carolina Regiment, to rank from April 23, 1864.

I am, sir, respectfully, your obedient servant,

JAMES A. SEDDON,
Secretary of War.

To His Excellency JEFFERSON DAVIS,
President, &c.

The message was read.

Ordered, That it be referred to the Committee on Military Affairs.

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT, *Richmond, May 24, 1864.*

To the Senate of the Confederate States:

Agreeably to the recommendation of the Secretary of War, I nominate the officers on the accompanying list to the rank affixed to their names, respectively.

JEFFERSON DAVIS.

No. 14.]

WAR DEPARTMENT, *Richmond, May 9, 1864.*

SIR: I have the honor to recommend the following nominations for appointment in the Provisional Army of the Confederate States of America, for distinguished valor and skill:

Major.

W. G. Calahan, of Georgia, to be major Eighteenth Georgia Regiment, to rank from March 19, 1864.

Captains.

Virgil Weaver, of Virginia, to be captain Company H, Sixth Virginia Cavalry Regiment, to rank from February 19, 1864.

Stark A. Sutton, of North Carolina, to be captain Company F, Forty-fifth North Carolina Regiment, to rank from February 19, 1864.

W. E. Stitt, of North Carolina, to be captain Company B, Forty-third North Carolina Regiment, to rank from February 19, 1864.

A. E. Richards, of Virginia, to be captain Company B, Forty-third Virginia Battalion, Partisan Rangers, to rank from April 6, 1864.

H. B. Bicksler, of Virginia, to be captain Company I, Eighth Virginia Regiment, to rank from March 6, 1864.

John M. Robinson, of North Carolina, to be captain Company B, Thirty-eighth North Carolina Regiment, to rank from April 13, 1864.

Lewis Harman, of Virginia, to be captain Company I, Twelfth Virginia Cavalry Regiment, to rank from March 6, 1864.

William Dmuvant, of South Carolina, to be captain Company C, Seventeenth South Carolina Regiment, to rank from April 29, 1864.

Fred W. Airey, of Louisiana, to be captain Company H, Twentieth Louisiana Regiment, to rank from February 19, 1864.

R. L. Keen, of Louisiana, to be captain Company I, Twentieth Louisiana Regiment, to rank from February 19, 1864.

First lieutenants.

John W. Carter, of Virginia, to be first lieutenant Thomson's battery, to rank from April 23, 1864.

Adolph P. Webre, of Louisiana, to be first lieutenant Company G, Twentieth Louisiana Regiment, to rank from February 19, 1864.

Second lieutenants.

H. D. Thompson, of Missouri, to be second lieutenant Company G, First Missouri Regiment, to rank from March 3, 1864.

Ed. M. Poe, of South Carolina, to be second lieutenant Company H, Fifteenth South Carolina Regiment, to rank from February 19, 1864.

Jesse W. Avant, of Georgia, to be second lieutenant Phillips Legion, to rank from February 19, 1864.

James W. Jordan, of Virginia, to be second lieutenant Company H, Third Virginia Cavalry Regiment, to rank from February 19, 1864.

W. W. Kirkland, of South Carolina, to be second lieutenant Company E, Fifteenth South Carolina Regiment, to rank from February 19, 1864.

K. Taylor, of Virginia, to be second lieutenant Company I, Eighth Virginia Regiment, to rank from April 6, 1864.

R. A. Shotwell, of Virginia, to be second lieutenant Company I, Eighth Virginia Regiment, to rank from April 6, 1864.

Ind. C. Francis, of Virginia, to be second lieutenant Company A, Eighth Virginia Regiment, to rank from April 6, 1864.

Festus King, of Virginia, to be second lieutenant Carter's battery, to rank from April 6, 1864.

Charles J. Harper, of Louisiana, to be second lieutenant Company K, Twentieth Louisiana Regiment, to rank from February 19, 1864.

Andrew Krentz, of Louisiana, to be second lieutenant Company C, Twentieth Louisiana Regiment, to rank from February 19, 1864.

I am, sir, respectfully, your obedient servant,

JAMES A. SEDDON,
Secretary of War.

To His Excellency JEFFERSON DAVIS,
President, &c.

The message was read.

Ordered, That it be referred to the Committee on Military Affairs.

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT, *Richmond, May 23, 1864.*

To the Senate of the Confederate States:

Agreeably to the recommendation of the Secretary of War, I nominate the officers on the accompanying list to the rank annexed to their names, respectively.

JEFFERSON DAVIS.

No. 5.]

WAR DEPARTMENT, *Richmond, May 4, 1864.*

SIR: I have the honor to recommend the following nominations for appointment in the Provisional Army of the Confederate States of America:

ARTILLERY OFFICERS, UNDER ACT APPROVED JANUARY 22, 1862.

Brigadier-general.

E. P. Alexander, of Georgia, to take rank from February 26, 1864.

Colonels.

Thomas H. Carter, of Virginia, to take rank from February 27, 1864.

Hilary P. Jones, of Virginia, to take rank from February 27, 1864.

Melancthon Smith, of Mississippi, to take rank from February 20, 1864.

Lieutenant-colonels.

James Dearing, of Virginia, to take rank from February 27, 1864.

Frank Huger, of South Carolina, to take rank from February 27, 1864.

C. M. Braxton, of Virginia, to take rank from February 27, 1864.

W. J. Pegram, of Virginia, to take rank from February 27, 1864.

D. G. McIntosh, of South Carolina, to take rank from February 27, 1864.

W. T. Peague, of Virginia, to take rank from February 27, 1864.

R. A. Hardaway, of Alabama, to take rank from February 27, 1864.

Charles Richardson, of Virginia, to take rank from February 27, 1864.

L. Hoxton, of Virginia, to take rank from February 21, 1864.

Felix H. Robertson, of Texas, to take rank from February 22, 1864.

S. C. Williams, of Georgia, to take rank from February 23, 1864.

Majors.

W. E. Cutshaw, of Virginia, to take rank from February 27, 1864.

T. C. Jordan, of Virginia, to take rank from February 27, 1864.

M. B. Miller, of Louisiana, to take rank from February 27, 1864.

Robert M. Stribling, of Virginia, to take rank from February 27, 1864.

R. C. M. Page, of Virginia, to take rank from February 27, 1864.

David Watson, of Virginia, to take rank from February 27, 1864.

Joseph McGraw, of Maryland, to take rank from February 27, 1864.
 M. Johnson, of Virginia, to take rank from February 27, 1864.
 George Ward, of Mississippi, to take rank from February 27, 1864.
 V. Maurin, of Louisiana, to take rank from February 27, 1864.
 M. N. Moorman, of Virginia, to take rank from February 27, 1864.
 R. P. Chew, of Virginia, to take rank from February 27, 1864.
 W. H. Caskie, of Virginia, to take rank from April 9, 1864.
 J. H. Pratt, of Texas, to take rank from February 19, 1864.
 R. Cobb, of Kentucky, to take rank from February 22, 1864.

I am, sir, respectfully, your obedient servant,

JAMES A. SEDDON,
Secretary of War.

To His Excellency JEFFERSON DAVIS,
President, etc.

The message was read.

Ordered, That it be referred to the Committee on Military Affairs.

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT, *Richmond, May 23, 1864.*

To the Senate of the Confederate States:

Agreeably to the recommendation of the Secretary of War, I nominate the officers on the accompanying list to the rank affixed to their names, respectively.

JEFFERSON DAVIS.

No. 17.] WAR DEPARTMENT, *Richmond, May 10, 1864.*

SIR: I have the honor to recommend the following nominations for appointment in the Provisional Army of the Confederate States of America:

ENGINEER TROOPS, UNDER ACT APPROVED MARCH 20, 1863.

First Regiment—Colonel.

T. M. R. Talcott, of Virginia, to take rank from April 1, 1864.

Lieutenant-colonel.

W. W. Blackford, of Virginia, to take rank from April 1, 1864.

Major.

Peyton Randolph, of Virginia, to take rank from April 1, 1864.

Captains.

J. M. Baldwin, of Texas, to take rank from March 29, 1864.
 J. J. Conway, of Alabama, to take rank from March 29, 1864.
 John Bradford, of Florida, to take rank from March 29, 1864.
 W. R. Johnson, of Virginia, to take rank from March 29, 1864.
 G. C. Dickinson, of Virginia, to take rank from March 29, 1864.
 H. T. Douglas, of Virginia, to take rank from March 29, 1864.
 H. C. Derrick, of the District of Columbia, to take rank from March 29, 1864.
 T. M. Topp, of Mississippi, to take rank from March 29, 1864.
 W. Bailard Bruce, of Virginia, to take rank from March 29, 1864.

First lieutenants.

W. G. Williamson, of Virginia, to take rank from March 29, 1864.
 S. H. Brown, of Virginia, to take rank from March 29, 1864.
 H. H. Harris, of Virginia, to take rank from March 29, 1864.
 G. P. C. Rumbough, of Tennessee, to take rank from March 29, 1864.
 E. N. Wise, of Virginia, to take rank from March 29, 1864.
 W. W. Babbitt, of Alabama, to take rank from March 29, 1864.
 T. J. Moncure, of Virginia, to take rank from March 29, 1864.
 R. M. Sully, of Virginia, to take rank from March 29, 1864.

Second lieutenants.

R. H. Griffin, of Texas, to take rank from March 29, 1864.
D. S. Hessey, of Delaware, to take rank from March 29, 1864.
R. W. Peatross, of Virginia, to take rank from March 29, 1864.
W. A. Gordon, of the District of Columbia, to take rank from March 29, 1864.
J. H. Gilmer, of Virginia, to take rank from March 29, 1864.
William Glenn, of Kentucky, to take rank from March 29, 1864.
D. P. Woodruff, of Alabama, to take rank from March 29, 1864.
C. M. Bolton, of Virginia, to take rank from March 29, 1864.
C. F. Smith, of the District of Columbia, to take rank from March 29, 1864.
C. E. Young, of Virginia, to take rank from March 29, 1864.
John M. Hood, of Maryland, to take rank from March 29, 1864.
J. J. Norwood, of North Carolina, to take rank from March 29, 1864.
C. Maupin, of Virginia, to take rank from March 29, 1864.
E. B. Meade, of Virginia, to take rank from March 29, 1864.
John S. Mason, of Virginia, to take rank from March 29, 1864.
C. M. Davis, of Florida, to take rank from March 29, 1864.

First battalion—Lieutenant-colonel.

Henry T. Douglas, of Virginia, to take rank from April 1, 1864.

Major.

R. P. Rowley, of Arkansas, to take rank from April 1, 1864.

Captains.

William Freret, of Louisiana, to take rank from April 30, 1864.
W. R. De Voe, of Texas, to take rank from April 30, 1864.
R. M. Venable, of Virginia, to take rank from April 30, 1864.
R. C. Slaughter, of Arkansas, to take rank from April 30, 1864.
M. G. Howe, of Texas, to take rank from April 30, 1864.
A. M. Williams, of Louisiana, to take rank from April 30, 1864.

First lieutenants.

J. H. Haney, of Arkansas, to take rank from April 30, 1864.
John Mhoon, of Missouri, to take rank from April 30, 1864.
J. L. Bartlett, of Texas, to take rank from April 30, 1864.
D. E. Crossland, of Texas, to take rank from April 30, 1864.
W. J. Ratliff, of Texas, to take rank from April 30, 1864.

Second lieutenants.

E. H. Wells, of Louisiana, to take rank from April 30, 1864.
H. W. W. Reynolds, of Mississippi, to take rank from April 30, 1864.
J. F. Ferguson, of Alabama, to take rank from April 30, 1864.
M. H. Smith, of Texas, to take rank from April 30, 1864.
Jos. Seay, of Virginia, to take rank from April 30, 1864.
E. Sandeliff, of Texas, to take rank from April 30, 1864.
A. Turnbull, of Canada, to take rank from April 30, 1864.

Third Regiment—Lieutenant-colonel.

S. W. Presstman, of Virginia, to take rank from April 1, 1864.

Major.

J. W. Green, of Georgia, to take rank from April 1, 1864.

Captains.

R. C. McCalla, of Tennessee, to take rank from April 30, 1864.
H. N. Pharr, of Kentucky, to take rank from April 30, 1864.
A. W. Gloster, of Mississippi, to take rank from April 30, 1864.
E. Winston, of Tennessee, to take rank from April 30, 1864.

W. T. Hart, of Georgia, to take rank from April 30, 1864.
 W. A. Ramsey, of Tennessee, to take rank from April 30, 1864.
 Robert L. Cobb, of Kentucky, to take rank from April 30, 1864.

First lieutenants.

T. S. Newcomb, of Kentucky, to take rank from April 30, 1864.
 G. R. Margrave, of Tennessee, to take rank from April 30, 1864.
 J. S. Morrison, of Tennessee, to take rank from April 30, 1864.
 M. M. Long, of the District of Columbia, to take rank from April 30, 1864.
 James J. Davies, of Georgia, to take rank from April 30, 1864.

Second lieutenants.

James B. Perkins, of Georgia, to take rank from April 30, 1864.
 Charles R. Boyd, of Virginia, to take rank from April 30, 1864.
 W. D. Printz, of Tennessee, to take rank from April 30, 1864.
 M. F. Maury, of Tennessee, to take rank from April 30, 1864.
 P. W. Semmes, of Louisiana, to take rank from April 30, 1864.
 W. G. Halyburton, of Virginia, to take rank from April 30, 1864.
 Hervey O. Minor, of Virginia, to take rank from April 30, 1864.
 J. W. Chalmers, of Virginia, to take rank from April 30, 1864.
 M. Huston, of Tennessee, to take rank from April 30, 1864.
 Charles Foster, of Georgia, to take rank from April 30, 1864.
 Edward Malone, of Virginia, to take rank from April 30, 1864.
 W. R. Campbell, of Mississippi, to take rank from April 30, 1864.
 Thomas E. Marble, of Mississippi, to take rank from April 30, 1864.

Second Regiment—Captains.

W. A. C. Jones, of Alabama, to take rank from March 31, 1864.
 L. Hutchinson, of Alabama, to take rank from April 1, 1864.
 J. W. McAlpin, of Georgia, to take rank from April 30, 1864.

First lieutenant.

R. A. O'Hea, of Mississippi, to take rank from April 30, 1864.

I am, sir, respectfully, your obedient servant,

JAMES A. SEDDON,
Secretary of War

To His Excellency JEFFERSON DAVIS,
President, etc

The message was read.

Ordered, That it be referred to the Committee on Military Affairs.

Mr. Sparrow, from the Committee on Military Affairs, to whom were referred the nominations of D. G. Purse, to be military store-keeper of engineers, with rank of captain of infantry; J. B. Sale, to be military secretary, colonel of cavalry; Towson Ellis, Francis S. Parker, to be aids-de-camp, majors of cavalry; Robert Strange, to be aid-de-camp, with the rank of major; B. D. Fry, John McCausland, Thomas M. Scott, to be brigadier-generals, reported, with the recommendation that all of said nominations be confirmed.

The Senate proceeded to consider said report; and in concurrence therewith, it was

Resolved, That the Senate advise and consent to their appointment, agreeably to the nominations of the President.

The Senate resumed the consideration of the nomination of P. N. Lynch, to be special commissioner of the Confederate States to the States of the Church; and

After debate,

Resolved, That the Senate advise and consent to his appointment, agreeably to the nomination of the President.

Mr. Mitchel submitted the following motion for consideration:

That the vote on agreeing to the resolutions submitted by Mr. Hill, from the Committee on the Judiciary (on the 23d instant), in relation to nominations continued or postponed from one session of the Senate to another be reconsidered.

On motion by Mr. Brown,

The Senate resolved into open legislative session.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 25, 1864.

OPEN SESSION.

Mr. Walker (by leave) introduced

A bill (S. 45) to explain and amend the law relating to impressments;

which was read the first and second times and referred to the Joint Committee on Impressments.

Mr. Jemison (by leave) introduced

A bill (S. 46) to create a department of foreign and interior supplies, and to regulate the collection of import and export duties; which was read the first and second times and referred to the Committee on Commerce.

The Senate proceeded to consider the motion submitted by Mr. Hill yesterday, to reconsider the vote on passing the bill (S. 35) concerning agents of the Press Association of the Confederate States; and

The motion was agreed to.

The Senate resumed the consideration of the said bill; and

On the question,

Shall the bill now pass?

It was determined in the negative.

So the bill was rejected.

On motion by Mr. Burnett,

Ordered, That the Committee on Claims be discharged from the further consideration of the memorial of Mylo N. Byington.

A message from the House of Representatives, by Mr. Dalton:

Mr. President: The President of the Confederate States has notified the House of Representatives that on the 23d instant he approved and signed the following acts and joint resolutions:

H. R. 30. An act to authorize the appointment of commissaries for regiments of cavalry;

H. R. 68. An act to exempt railroad companies from the payment of certain duties;

H. R. 4. Joint resolution of thanks to Maj. Gen. N. B. Forrest and the officers and men of his command for their campaign in Mississippi, west Tennessee, and Kentucky;

H. R. 5. Joint resolution authorizing the auditing of accounts of members for pay and mileage; and

H. R. 6. Joint resolution requiring the Department of Justice to furnish the standing committees of the two Houses with printed copies of the acts of Congress.

The Senate proceeded, as in Committee of the Whole, to the consideration of the bill (S. 43) to regulate the pay of a general assigned to duty at the seat of government under the provisions of the act approved March 25, 1862; and

After debate,

On motion by Mr. Burnett, that the further consideration of the bill be postponed until to-morrow,

It was determined in the negative.

After further debate,

On motion by Mr. Burnett,

Ordered, That the further consideration of the bill be postponed until to-morrow.

On motion by Mr. Dortch,

The Senate resolved into secret legislative session.

The doors having been opened,

On motion by Mr. Sparrow,

The Senate adjourned.

SECRET SESSION.

A message from the House of Representatives, by Mr. Dalton:

Mr. President: The Speaker of the House of Representatives having signed an enrolled bill and an enrolled joint resolution, I am directed to bring them to the Senate for the signature of their President.

Mr. Dortch, from the committee, reported that they had examined and found truly enrolled a bill and joint resolution of the following titles:

S. 16. An act to fix the time for the assembling of the Congress at its next regular session, and to authorize the President to convene the Congress at any place other than the seat of government; and

S. 6. Joint resolution to authorize the removal of the public archives and of the Executive Departments of the Government.

The President pro tempore having signed the enrolled bill and enrolled joint resolution last reported to have been examined, they were delivered to the Secretary of the Senate and by him forthwith presented to the President of the Confederate States for his approval.

On motion by Mr. Sparrow,

The Senate resolved into executive session.

EXECUTIVE SESSION.

The following messages were received from the President of the Confederate States, by Mr. B. N. Harrison, his Secretary:

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT, *Richmond, May 25, 1864.*

To the Senate of the Confederate States:

Agreeably to the recommendation of the Secretary of War, I nominate the officers on the accompanying list to the rank affixed to their names, respectively.

JEFFERSON DAVIS.

No. 20.]

WAR DEPARTMENT, *Richmond, May 25, 1864.*

SIR: I have the honor to recommend the following nominations for appointment in the Provisional Army of the Confederate States of America:

Adjutants—first lieutenants.

W. B. Goodlett, of Tennessee, to be adjutant One hundred and fifty-fourth Tennessee Regiment, vice Lieutenant Stovall, resigned, to rank from April 30, 1864.

T. W. Alexander, of Georgia, to be adjutant Sixty-fifth Georgia Regiment, to rank from May 1, 1864.

E. H. McCaleb, of Mississippi, to be adjutant Twelfth Mississippi Regiment, vice Lieutenant Capers, retired, to rank from May 2, 1864.

J. M. Browne, of Kentucky, to be adjutant Sixteenth Confederate Cavalry Regiment, vice Lieutenant Bate, promoted, to rank from February 19, 1864.

Charles A. Webb, of Texas, to be adjutant Seventeenth Texas Cavalry Regiment, vice Lieutenant Shaw, died, to rank from March 4, 1864.

I am, sir, respectfully, your obedient servant,

JAS. A. SEDDON,
Secretary of War.

To His Excellency JEFFERSON DAVIS,
President, etc.

The message was read.

Ordered. That it be referred to the Committee on Military Affairs.

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT, *Richmond, May 25, 1864.*

To the Senate of the Confederate States:

Agreeably to the recommendation of the Secretary of War, I nominate Col. S. J. Gholson, of Mississippi, to be a brigadier-general in the Provisional Army of the Confederate States of America.

JEFFERSON DAVIS.

WAR DEPARTMENT, *Richmond, May 24, 1864.*

SIR: I have the honor to recommend the nomination of Col. S. J. Gholson, of Mississippi, to be a brigadier-general in the Provisional Army of the Confederate States of America, to take rank from May 6, 1864.

I am, sir, respectfully, your obedient servant,

J. A. SEDDON,
Secretary of War.

To His Excellency JEFFERSON DAVIS,
President, etc.

The message was read.

Ordered. That it be referred to the Committee on Military Affairs.

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT, *Richmond, May 25, 1864.*

To the Senate of the Confederate States:

Agreeably to the recommendation of the Secretary of War, I nominate the officers on the accompanying list to the rank affixed to their names, respectively.

JEFFERSON DAVIS.

No. 19.]

WAR DEPARTMENT, *Richmond, May 24, 1864.*

SIR: I have the honor to recommend the following nominations for promotion in the Provisional Army of the Confederate States of America:

Colonels.

Lieut. Col. A. S. Norwood, of Louisiana, to be colonel Twenty-seventh Louisiana Regiment, vice Colonel Marks, died, to rank from September 23, 1863.

Lieut. Col. G. McD. Miller, of South Carolina, to be colonel First South Carolina Rifle Regiment, vice Colonel Harrison, retired, to rank from April 7, 1864.

Lieut. Col. J. M. French, of Virginia, to be colonel Sixty-third Virginia Regiment, vice Colonel McMahon, resigned, to rank from April 4, 1864.

Lieut. Col. John C. Fiser, of Mississippi, to be colonel Seventeenth Mississippi Regiment, vice Colonel Holder, resigned, to rank from February 12, 1864.

Lieut. Col. J. A. Minter, of Alabama, to be colonel Fifty-fifth Alabama Regiment, vice Col. A. Baker, promoted, to rank from March 5, 1864.

Lieut. Col. J. R. Cabell, of Virginia, to be colonel Thirty-eighth Virginia Regiment, vice Colonel Whittle, appointed to military court, to rank from November 15, 1863.

Lieut. Col. A. Spengler, of Virginia, to be colonel Thirty-third Virginia Regiment, vice Colonel Holliday, retired, to rank from March 21, 1864.

Lieutenant-colonels.

Maj. W. M. Hadden, of South Carolina, to be lieutenant-colonel First South Carolina Rifle Regiment, vice Lieutenant-Colonel Miller, promoted, to rank from April 7, 1864.

Maj. T. E. Upshaw, of Virginia, to be lieutenant-colonel Thirteenth Virginia Cavalry Regiment, vice Lieutenant-Colonel Phillips, promoted, to rank from December 19, 1863.

Maj. D. B. Lang, of Virginia, to be lieutenant-colonel Sixty-second Virginia Regiment, vice Lieutenant-Colonel Doyle, resigned, to rank from November 10, 1863.

Maj. George K. Griggs, of Virginia, to be lieutenant-colonel Thirty-eighth Virginia Regiment, vice Lieutenant-Colonel Cabell, promoted, to rank from November 15, 1863.

Maj. James Dickey, of Georgia, to be lieutenant-colonel Fifty-first Georgia Regiment, vice Lieutenant-Colonel Anthony, resigned, to rank from January 14, 1864.

Maj. C. H. Lynch, of Virginia, to be lieutenant-colonel Sixty-third Virginia Regiment, vice Lieutenant-Colonel French, promoted, to rank from April 4, 1864.

Maj. George Huston, of Virginia, to be lieutenant-colonel Thirty-third Virginia Regiment, vice Lieutenant-Colonel Spengler, promoted, to rank from March 21, 1864.

Majors.

Capt. B. F. Winfield, of Virginia, to be major Thirteenth Virginia Cavalry Regiment, vice Major Upshaw, promoted, to rank from December 19, 1863.

Capt. Houston Hall, of Virginia, to be major Sixty-second Virginia Regiment, vice Major Lang, promoted, to rank from November 10, 1863.

Capt. H. L. Lee, of Virginia, to be major Thirty-eighth Virginia Regiment, vice Major Griggs, promoted, to rank from November 15, 1863.

Capt. J. B. Golladay, of Virginia, to be major Thirty-third Virginia Regiment, vice Major Huston, promoted, to rank from March 21, 1864.

I am, sir, respectfully, your obedient servant,

J. A. SEDDON,
Secretary of War.

To His Excellency JEFFERSON DAVIS,
President, etc.

The message was read.

Ordered, That it be referred to the Committee on Military Affairs.

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT, *Richmond, May 25, 1864.*

To the Senate of the Confederate States:

Agreeably to the recommendation of the Secretary of War, I nominate Bennett Clark, of Missouri, to be military storekeeper of ordnance, with rank, etc., of first lieutenant of infantry in the Provisional Army of the Confederate States of America.

JEFFERSON DAVIS.

WAR DEPARTMENT, *Richmond, May 24, 1864.*

SIR: I have the honor to recommend the nomination of Bennett Clark, of Missouri, to be military storekeeper of ordnance, with the rank, etc., of first lieutenant of infantry in the Provisional Army of the Confederate States, vice Lieut. F. P. Buckner, resigned, to date from March 2, 1864.

I am, sir, respectfully, your obedient servant,

J. A. SEDDON,
Secretary of War.

To His Excellency JEFFERSON DAVIS,
President, etc.

The message was read.

Ordered, That it be referred to the Committee on Military Affairs.

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT, *Richmond, May 25, 1864.*

To the Senate of the Confederate States:

Agreeably to the recommendation of the Secretary of War, I nominate the officers on the accompanying list to the rank affixed to their names, respectively.

JEFFERSON DAVIS.

No. 18.]

WAR DEPARTMENT, *Richmond, May 24, 1864.*

SIR: I have the honor to recommend the following nominations for appointment in the Provisional Army of the Confederate States of America:

Brigadier-general.

Col. Stephen Elliott, jr., of South Carolina, to take rank from May 24, 1864.

Aids-de-camp—first lieutenants.

Edward J. Black, of South Carolina, to take rank from April 28, 1864.

J. W. Hayne, of South Carolina, to take rank from May 18, 1864.

W. P. A. Murray, of Mississippi, to take rank from confirmation.

I am, sir, respectfully, your obedient servant,

J. A. SEDDON,
Secretary of War.

To His Excellency JEFFERSON DAVIS,
President, &c.

The message was read.

Ordered, That it be referred to the Committee on Military Affairs.

The Senate proceeded to consider the motion submitted by Mr. Mitchel on yesterday, to reconsider the vote on agreeing to the resolutions submitted by Mr. Hill, from the Committee on the Judiciary (on the 23d instant), in relation to nominations continued or postponed from one session of the Senate to another; and

On the question to agree thereto,

It was decided in the affirmative,	Yea	-----	9
	Nay	-----	8

On motion by Mr. Orr,

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present,
Those who voted in the affirmative are,

Messrs. Brown, Caperton, Graham, Hill, Hunter, Johnson of Georgia, Johnson of Missouri, Maxwell, and Mitchel.

Those who voted in the negative are,

Messrs. Barnwell, Burnett, Jemison, Orr, Semmes, Sparrow, Walker, and Watson.

So the resolutions were reconsidered.

On motion by Mr. Graham, that the resolutions be laid upon the table.

On motion by Mr. Sparrow,

The Senate resolved into open legislative session.

THURSDAY, MAY 26, 1864.

OPEN SESSION.

The Senate resumed, as in Committee of the Whole, the consideration of the bill (S. 43) to regulate the pay of a general assigned to duty at the seat of government under the provisions of the act approved March 25, 1862; and no amendment being proposed, it was reported to the Senate.

Ordered, That it be engrossed and read a third time.

The said bill was read the third time.

Resolved, That it pass, and that the title thereof be as aforesaid.

Ordered, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the House of Representatives therein.

On motion by Mr. Sparrow, that the vote on passing the bill (S. 43) last mentioned be reconsidered,

It was determined in the negative.

The Senate proceeded, as in Committee of the Whole, to the consideration of the bill (S. 44) to authorize certificates of indebtedness to be given for property purchased or impressed and for transportation, and to provide for payment of the interest on said certificates in specie; and no amendment being proposed, it was reported to the Senate.

Ordered, That it be engrossed and read a third time.

The said bill was read the third time.

Resolved, That it pass, and that the title thereof be as aforesaid.

Ordered, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the House of Representatives therein.

Mr. Johnson of Missouri submitted the following resolution for consideration:

Resolved (the House of Representatives concurring), That the resolution passed by the two Houses fixing Tuesday, the thirty-first instant, as the day for the adjournment of the present session of Congress, be, and the same is hereby, rescinded.

On motion by Mr. Sparrow,

The Senate resolved into executive session.

The doors having been opened,

On motion by Mr. Mitchel,

The Senate adjourned.

EXECUTIVE SESSION.

Mr. Sparrow, from the Committee on Military Affairs, to whom were referred the nominations of A. S. Norwood, G. McD. Miller, J. M. French, John C. Fiser, J. A. Minter, J. R. Cabell, A. Spengler, to be colonels; W. M. Hadden, T. E. Upshaw, D. B. Lang, George K. Griggs, James Dickey, C. H. Lynch, George Huston, to be lieutenant-colonels; B. F. Winfield, Houston Hall, H. L. Lee, J. B. Golladay, to be majors, reported, with the recommendation that all of said nominations be confirmed.

The Senate proceeded to consider said report; and in concurrence therewith, it was

Resolved, That the Senate advise and consent to their appointment, agreeably to the nominations of the President.

Mr. Sparrow, from the Committee on Military Affairs, to whom were referred the nominations of B. R. Johnson, to be major-general; W. B. Goodlett, T. W. Alexander, E. H. McCaleb, J. M. Browne, Charles A. Webb, William A. S. Taylor, L. Flournoy, A. C. Hill, C. N. Welschhaus, A. M. Barnes, George A. Blain, R. M. Harkness, Charles P. Roberts, G. C. Greenway, Virgil V. Moore, W. J. Sparks, J. P. Butler, Thomas Barrow, William P. Pillans, William K. Davis, James D. Easley, W. R. Garrett, M. D. Smallman, J. C. Judkins, Daniel E. Brown, Charles R. Harris, Robert L. Parrish, Edw. H. Davis, John A. Lewis, V. Hewitt, George W. Hunt, Thomas D. Gregory, Alex. B. Moore, R. S. Harrison, W. T. Walke, P. W. Arrington, W. L. McGaughy, Alfred Holmes, Albert B. Allen, McH. Whitaker, E. J. Darby, George Connor, J. T. Tannehill, F. Philips, T. Reynolds, C. H. Gordon, A. McGlashan, James W. Mitchell, S. G. Turner, Frank Jones, J. R. McIntosh, W. P. McGowen, Robert E. Garnier, Thomas H. Gibson, D. R. W. McIver, to be adjutants, with the rank of first lieutenants; J. H. French, Thomas N. Minter, to be assistant commissaries, with the rank of captains, reported, with the recommendation that all of said nominations be confirmed.

The Senate proceeded to consider said report; and in concurrence therewith, it was

Resolved, That the Senate advise and consent to their appointment, agreeably to the nominations of the President.

Mr. Sparrow, from the Committee on Military Affairs, to whom

were referred the nominations of W. G. Calahan, to be major; Virgil Weaver, Stark A. Sutton, W. E. Stitt, A. E. Richards, H. B. Bicksler, John M. Robinson, Lewis Harman, William Dunovant, Fred W. Airey, R. L. Keen, to be captains; John W. Carter, Adolph P. Webre, to be first lieutenants; H. D. Thompson, Ed. M. Poe, Jesse W. Avant, James W. Jordan, W. W. Kirkland, K. Taylor, R. A. Shotwell, Ind. C. Francis, Festus King, Charles J. Harper, and Andrew Kreutz, to be second lieutenants, reported, with the recommendation that all of said nominations be confirmed.

The Senate proceeded to consider said report; and in concurrence therewith, it was

Resolved. That the Senate advise and consent to their appointment agreeably to the nominations of the President.

Mr. Sparrow, from the Committee on Military Affairs, to whom was referred the nomination of B. L. Braselman, to be second lieutenant in the Provisional Army of the Confederate States, reported, with the recommendation that said nomination be confirmed.

The Senate proceeded to consider said report; and

On motion by Mr. Sparrow, that the further consideration be postponed until to-morrow,

On motion by Mr. Mitchel,

The Senate resolved into open legislative session.

FRIDAY, MAY 27, 1864.

OPEN SESSION.

Mr. Jemison (by leave) introduced

A bill (S. 47) to facilitate the settlement of the claims of deceased soldiers;

which was read the first and second times and referred to the Committee on Military Affairs.

Mr. Walker submitted the following resolution; which was considered and agreed to:

Resolved, That the Committee on Military Affairs be instructed to inquire into the expediency of so amending the act to organize forces to serve during the war, approved February seventeenth, eighteen hundred and sixty-four, as to provide for the exemption from military service of the necessary officers of steamboats engaged in transportation for the Government.

Mr. Sparrow, from the Committee on Military Affairs, reported

A bill (S. 48) to amend the act to provide an invalid corps, approved February 17, 1864;

which was read the first and second times and ordered to be placed upon the Calendar.

A message from the House of Representatives, by Mr. Dalton:

Mr. President: The House of Representatives have passed bills and a joint resolution of the following titles; in which they request the concurrence of the Senate:

H. R. 12. An act to provide for the enrollment and conscription of certain non-commissioned officers and privates in the Trans-Mississippi Department;

H. R. 119. An act to amend so much of an act entitled "An act to organize forces to serve during the war," approved 17th February, 1864, as relates to the exemption of certain religious denominations; and

H. R. 9. Joint resolution responsive to the resolutions of the general assembly of Virginia "asserting the jurisdiction and sovereignty of the State of Virginia over her ancient boundaries."

They have passed bills and a joint resolution of the Senate of the following titles:

S. 10. An act to amend an act entitled "An act to aid any State in communicating with and perfecting records concerning its troops," approved 16th February, 1864;

S. 28. An act to amend an act entitled "An act creating the office of ensign in the Army of the Confederate States;"

S. 41. An act to provide for the appointment of a disbursing clerk in the War Department; and

S. 7. Joint resolution in regard to the exemption of editors and employees of newspapers.

And they have passed the following bills of the Senate, with amendments; in which they request the concurrence of the Senate:

S. 4. An act to provide means of transit across the Mississippi River for members of Congress residing west of said river in going to and returning from the Confederate States Congress; and

S. 39. An act to amend the several acts in regard to chaplains.

The President of the Confederate States has notified the House of Representatives that on the 24th instant he approved and signed an act (H. R. 2) to provide for the redemption of the old issue of Treasury notes held by certain Indian tribes.

The following bills were severally read the first and second times and referred to the Committee on Military Affairs:

H. R. 12. An act to provide for the enrollment and conscription of certain noncommissioned officers and privates in the Trans-Mississippi Department; and

H. R. 119. An act to amend so much of an act entitled "An act to organize forces to serve during the war," approved 17th February, 1864, as relates to the exemption of certain religious denominations.

The joint resolution (H. R. 9) responsive to the resolutions of the general assembly of Virginia "asserting the jurisdiction and sovereignty of the State of Virginia over her ancient boundaries," was read the first and second times and considered as in Committee of the Whole; and no amendment being proposed, it was reported to the Senate.

Ordered, That it pass to a third reading.

The said resolution was read the third time.

Resolved, That it pass.

Ordered, That the Secretary inform the House of Representatives thereof.

The Senate proceeded to consider the amendments of the House of Representatives to the bill (S. 4) to provide means of transit across the Mississippi River for members of Congress residing west of said river in going to and returning from the Confederate States Congress; and

Ordered, That they be referred to the Committee on Military Affairs.

The Senate proceeded to consider the amendment of the House of Representatives to the bill (S. 39) to amend the several acts in regard to chaplains; and

Resolved, That they concur therein.

Ordered, That the Secretary inform the House of Representatives thereof.

The Senate proceeded to consider the resolution submitted by Mr. Johnson of Missouri yesterday, to rescind the resolution passed by the two Houses fixing Tuesday, the 31st instant, as the day for the adjournment of the present session of Congress; and

On motion by Mr. Johnson of Missouri,

Ordered, That the further consideration of the resolution be postponed until to-morrow.

On motion by Mr. Burnett,

The Senate adjourned.

SATURDAY, MAY 28, 1864.

OPEN SESSION.

Mr. Sparrow (by leave) introduced

A bill (S. 49) to authorize the manufacture of spirituous liquors for the use of the Army and hospitals;

which was read the first and second times and referred to the Committee on Military Affairs.

Mr. Caperton submitted the following resolution; which was considered and agreed to:

Resolved, That the Committee on Foreign Affairs be instructed to inquire into the expediency of requesting the President of the Confederate States to make an exposition, through our commissioners abroad, to the various European powers to which they may be accredited, of the violations of the rules of civilized warfare and of the atrocities committed by the Government and the armies of the United States in the prosecution of hostilities against the Confederate States of America.

On motion by Mr. Maxwell.

Ordered, That the Committee on Commerce be discharged from the further consideration of the bill (S. 46) to create a department of foreign and interior supplies, and to regulate the collection of import and export duties.

Mr. Sparrow, from the Committee on Military Affairs, to whom were referred the amendments of the House of Representatives to the bill (S. 4) to provide means of transit across the Mississippi River for members of Congress residing west of said river in going to and returning from the Confederate States Congress, reported them without amendment.

The Senate proceeded to consider the amendments of the House of Representatives to the bill (S. 4) last mentioned; and

Resolved, That they concur therein.

Ordered, That the Secretary inform the House of Representatives thereof.

Mr. Hill, from the Committee on the Judiciary, reported

A bill (S. 50) to regulate the selection of juries in the district courts of the Confederate States in certain cases;

which was read the first and second times and considered as in Committee of the Whole; and no amendment being proposed, it was reported to the Senate.

Ordered, That it be engrossed and read a third time.

The said bill was read the third time.

Resolved, That it pass, and that the title thereof be as aforesaid.

Ordered, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the House of Representatives therein.

Mr. Hill, from the Committee on the Judiciary, to whom was referred the bill (S. 38) for the payment of commissioners appointed under the act entitled "An act to suspend the privilege of the writ of habeas corpus in certain cases," and to confer certain powers upon said commissioners, reported it with amendments.

Ordered, That the bill and amendments be printed.

Mr. Haynes, from the Committee on the Judiciary, to whom was referred the bill (H. R. 52) to amend an act of this Congress entitled "An act to provide for holding elections of Representatives in the Congress of the Confederate States in the State of Tennessee," reported it with an amendment.

The Senate proceeded, as in Committee of the Whole, to the consideration of the said bill; and the reported amendment having been agreed to, the bill was reported to the Senate and the amendment was concurred in.

Ordered, That the amendment be engrossed and the bill read a third time.

The said bill as amended was read the third time.

Resolved, That it pass with an amendment.

On motion by Mr. Haynes, the title was amended to read: "An act to amend an act entitled 'An act to provide for holding elections of Representatives in the Congress of the Confederate States in the State of Tennessee,' approved May first, eighteen hundred and sixty-three."

Ordered, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the House of Representatives in the amendment.

Mr. Graham, from the Joint Committee on Impressments, reported the following bills; which were severally read the first and second times and ordered to be placed upon the Calendar and printed:

S. 51. A bill to provide supplies for the Army and to prescribe the mode of making impressments; and

S. 52. A bill providing for the establishment and payment of claims for property taken or informally and unwarrantably impressed for the use of the Government.

Mr. Caperton (by leave) introduced

A bill (S. 53) to amend the several acts in relation to a volunteer navy;

which was read the first and second times and referred to the Committee on Naval Affairs.

Mr. Baker submitted the following resolution; which was considered and agreed to:

Resolved, That the Committee on Military Affairs be instructed to inquire into the expediency of amending the act to provide for the public defense, approved March sixth, eighteen hundred and sixty-four, by authorizing the appointment of assistant quartermasters for battalions.

The Senate resumed the consideration of the resolution submitted by Mr. Johnson of Missouri on the 26th instant, to rescind the resolution passed by the two Houses fixing Tuesday, the 31st instant, as the day for the adjournment of the present session of Congress; and

On motion by Mr. Johnson of Missouri,

Ordered, That the further consideration of the resolution be postponed until Monday next.

The Senate proceeded, as in Committee of the Whole, to the consideration of the bill (S. 48) to amend the act to provide an invalid corps, approved February 17, 1864.

On motion by Mr. Sparrow, to amend the bill by inserting after "seamen," line 7, the words

ordinary seamen, landsmen, and boys of the Navy, and the noncommissioned officers, musicians, and privates of the Marine Corps.

It was determined in the affirmative.

The bill having been further amended on the motion of Mr. Sparrow, it was reported to the Senate and the amendments were concurred in.

Ordered, That the bill be engrossed and read a third time.

The said bill was read the third time.

Resolved, That it pass, and that the title thereof be as aforesaid.

Ordered, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the House of Representatives therein.

On motion by Mr. Orr,

The Senate resolved into executive session.

The doors having been opened,

On motion by Mr. Graham,

The Senate adjourned.

SECRET SESSION.

The President pro tempore laid before the Senate a communication from the Secretary of the Treasury, transmitting an estimate of an appropriation required for redemption of the public debt; which was read.

Ordered, That it be referred to the Committee on Finance.

On motion by Mr. Graham,

The Senate resolved into open legislative session.

EXECUTIVE SESSION.

Mr. Sparrow, from the Committee on Military Affairs, to whom were referred the nominations of E. P. Alexander, to be brigadier-general; Thomas H. Carter, Hilary P. Jones, and Melancthon Smith, to be colonels; James Dearing, Frank Huger, C. M. Braxton, W. J. Pegram, D. G. McIntosh, W. T. Poague, R. A. Hardaway, Charles Richardson, L. Hoxton, and S. C. Williams, to be lieutenant-colonels; W. E. Cutshaw, T. C. Jordan, M. B. Miller, Rob. M. Stribling, R. C. M. Page, David Watson, Joseph McGraw, M. Johnson, George Ward, V. Maurin, M. N. Moorman, R. P. Chew, W. H. Caskie, J. H. Pratt, and R. Cobb, to be majors; Stephen Elliott, to be brigadier-general; Edward J. Black and W. P. A. Murray, to be aids-de-camp, with the rank of first lieutenants, reported, with the recommendation that all of said nominations be confirmed.

The Senate proceeded to consider said report; and in concurrence therewith, it was

Resolved, That the Senate advise and consent to their appointment, agreeably to the nominations of the President.

The Senate resumed the consideration of the nomination of B. L. Braselman, to be second lieutenant of artillery in the Provisional Army of the Confederate States; and

Mr. Graham submitted the following resolution for consideration:

Resolved, That the Secretary of the Senate inform the President that the nomination of B. L. Braselman made to the Senate at the last session of the last Congress for the office of second lieutenant of artillery, not having been confirmed or rejected at the last session of the last Congress, the Senate now decline to act upon said nomination, and that in the case of this and all other nominations similarly situated, the Senate is ready to receive new nominations to fill the same.

The Senate proceeded to consider the said resolution; and

On motion by Mr. Walker, to amend the same by substituting therefor the following:

Whereas in the judgment of the Senate, the most judicious and proper practice in reference to nominations made by the President during the session is that all nominations which are not confirmed or rejected during the session at which they are made shall not be acted on at any succeeding session without being again made by the President; and

Whereas, such practice may well be adopted without thereby disaffirming the

constitutional power of the Senate by order entered on its Journal to postpone nominations made during the session for further consideration to the ensuing session, and at such ensuing session to confirm or reject the same: Therefore,

Resolved, That the Committee on Rules be instructed to report a rule providing that nominations not confirmed or rejected at the session at which they are made, shall not be acted on at any succeeding session without being again made by the President.

Resolved, That all nominations made at the last or any preceding session and postponed by order of the Senate to this session, be laid on the table and the President informed that the Senate, having adopted the rule mentioned in the preceding resolution, decline acting upon them.

On motion by Mr. Jemison, to amend the amendment proposed by Mr. Walker by striking out the preamble thereto,

It was determined in the negative.

On the question to agree to the amendment proposed by Mr. Walker to the resolution,

It was determined in the affirmative,	Yea	11
	Nay	7

On motion by Mr. Orr,

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present,
Those who voted in the affirmative are,

Messrs. Barnwell, Haynes, Henry, Hill, Jemison, Johnson of Georgia, Orr, Semmes, Sparrow, Walker, and Watson.

Those who voted in the negative are,

Messrs. Caperton, Graham, Hunter, Johnson of Arkansas, Johnson of Missouri, Mitchel, and Oldham.

On the question to agree to the resolution as amended,

It was determined in the affirmative,	Yea	9
	Nay	8

On motion by Mr. Semmes,

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present,
Those who voted in the affirmative are,

Messrs. Barnwell, Caperton, Graham, Hill, Hunter, Jemison, Johnson of Georgia, Johnson of Missouri, and Walker.

Those who voted in the negative are,

Messrs. Henry, Johnson of Arkansas, Mitchel, Oldham, Orr, Semmes, Sparrow, and Watson.

On motion by Mr. Henry, to reconsider the vote last mentioned,

It was determined in the negative.

So the resolution as amended was agreed to.

The Senate resumed the consideration of the motion submitted by Mr. Graham on the 25th instant, to lay on the table the resolutions submitted by Mr. Hill, from the Committee on the Judiciary, in relation to nominations continued or postponed for further consideration from one session of the Senate to another; and

Ordered, That the resolutions be laid on the table.

On motion by Mr. Orr,

The Senate resolved into secret legislative session.

MONDAY, MAY 30, 1864.

OPEN SESSION.

Mr. Johnson of Arkansas (by leave) introduced

A joint resolution (S. 9) of thanks to Gen. E. Kirby Smith and the officers and soldiers of his command; which was read the first and second times and referred to the Committee on Military Affairs.

Mr. Sparrow (by leave) introduced the following bills; which were severally read the first and second times and referred to the Committee on Military Affairs:

S. 54. A bill to organize the light artillery of the Confederate States of America; and

S. 55. A bill to authorize the formation of new commands, to be composed of supernumerary officers who may resign to join such commands, and to limit and restrict the appointment of officers in certain cases.

Mr. Caperton (by leave) introduced

A bill (S. 56) to authorize the appointment of graduates of military institutions as cadets in the Provisional Army of the Confederate States of America;

which was read the first and second times and referred to the Committee on Military Affairs.

Mr. Brown, from the Committee on Naval Affairs, to whom was referred the bill (S. 53) to amend the several acts in relation to a volunteer navy, reported it without amendment.

The Senate proceeded, as in Committee of the Whole, to the consideration of the said bill; and no amendment being proposed, it was reported to the Senate.

Ordered, That it be engrossed and read a third time.

The said bill was read the third time.

Resolved, That it pass, and that the title thereof be as aforesaid.

Ordered, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the House of Representatives therein.

Mr. Hill, from the Committee on the Judiciary, to whom was recommended the bill (H. R. 8) to authorize the judge of the district court for the northern district of Georgia to change the place of holding said court, reported it with amendments.

The Senate proceeded, as in Committee of the Whole, to the consideration of the said bill; and the reported amendments having been agreed to, the bill was reported to the Senate and the amendments were concurred in.

Ordered, That the amendments be engrossed and the bill read a third time.

The said bill as amended was read the third time.

Resolved, That it pass with amendments.

On motion by Mr. Hill, the title was amended to read: "An act to authorize the judges of the district courts of the Confederate States to appoint and change the times and places of holding the courts in their respective districts."

Ordered, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the House of Representatives in the amendments.

The Senate resumed the consideration of the resolution submitted by Mr. Johnson of Missouri on the 26th instant, to rescind the resolution passed by the two Houses fixing Tuesday, the 31st instant, as the day for the adjournment of the present session of Congress; and

On motion by Mr. Sparrow,

Ordered, That the further consideration of the resolution be postponed until to-morrow.

On motion by Mr. Johnson of Arkansas, the vote on agreeing to the motion to postpone the further consideration of the resolution until to-morrow was reconsidered.

The Senate resumed the consideration of said motion; and

On the question to agree thereto,

It was determined in the negative.

On motion by Mr. Barnwell,

Ordered, That the resolution lie upon the table.

The Senate proceeded, as in Committee of the Whole, to the consideration of the bill (S. 38) for the payment of commissioners appointed under the act entitled "An act to suspend the privilege of the writ of habeas corpus in certain cases," and to confer certain powers upon said commissioners.

On motion by Mr. Orr, to amend the bill by striking out of the first section the words

the compensation of the judges of the military courts while engaged in the performance of their duties, and that their assistants shall be allowed the pay of judge-advocate of the said courts,

and inserting in lieu thereof the words

as compensation for such service the sum of ten dollars per day while actually engaged in the performance of their duties, and that their assistants shall be allowed the sum of seven dollars per day while actually engaged in the performance of their duty,

It was determined in the negative.

The amendments reported from the Committee on the Judiciary having been agreed to,

On motion by Mr. Barnwell, further to amend the bill by striking out of the first section the following proviso:

Provided, That not more than one commissioner shall be appointed in any one State, and that not more than one assistant shall be employed for that purpose,

It was determined in the affirmative.

On motion by Mr. Graham, to amend the bill by inserting the following independent section:

SEC. —. And it is hereby declared that nothing contained in the said act entitled "An act to suspend the privilege of the writ of habeas corpus in certain cases," shall be construed to alter the law of arrest and commitment; and that no person shall be arrested and detained by virtue thereof in any of the cases enumerated therein unless charged on oath with some one of the offenses mentioned in the same, or unless in cases of exigent arrest without warrant, in which latter instance the party arrested shall be detained by reason of said arrest, only until such oath can be conveniently made and proper process of law sued out,

A question was raised by Mr. Sparrow, whether, under the twentieth clause of the ninth section of the first article of the Constitution, the amendment was in order; and

The President pro tempore, under the sixth rule of the Senate, took the sense of the Senate thereon; and

On the question,

Is the proposed amendment in order?

It was determined in the negative.

So it was decided by the Senate that the amendment was not in order.

No further amendment being proposed, the bill was reported to the Senate and the amendments were concurred in.

Ordered, That the bill be engrossed and read a third time.

The said bill was read the third time.

Resolved, That it pass, and that the title thereof be as aforesaid.

Ordered, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the House of Representatives therein.

On motion by Mr. Orr,

Ordered, That the petition of Margaret A. Rice, on the files of the Senate, be referred to the Committee on Finance.

On motion by Mr. Hill,

The Senate resolved into secret legislative session.

The doors having been opened,

On motion by Mr. Maxwell, that the Senate take a recess until 3 o'clock p. m.,

It was determined in the negative.

On motion by Mr. Walker, that the Senate proceed to the consideration of the resolution submitted by Mr. Johnson of Missouri on the 26th instant, to rescind the resolution passed by the two Houses fixing Tuesday, the 31st instant, as the day for the adjournment of the present session of Congress,

It was determined in the negative.

On motion by Mr. Orr,

The Senate took a recess until half past 2 o'clock p. m.

HALF PAST 2 O'CLOCK P. M.

A message from the House of Representatives, by Mr. Dalton:

Mr. President: The House of Representatives have passed a bill (H. R. 125) to establish certain post routes therein named; in which they request the concurrence of the Senate.

They have agreed to the amendments of the Senate to the bill (H. R. 52) to amend an act of this Congress entitled "An act to provide for holding elections of Representatives in the Congress of the Confederate States in the State of Tennessee."

And they have passed the following resolution; in which they request the concurrence of the Senate:

Resolved, That the joint resolution fixing the time for the adjournment of the Senate and House of Representatives on the thirty-first day of May, eighteen hundred and sixty-four, be, and is hereby, rescinded, and that the President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of Representatives adjourn their respective Houses at twelve o'clock meridian on Tuesday, June seventh."

The Speaker of the House of Representatives having signed sundry enrolled bills and an enrolled joint resolution, I am directed to bring them to the Senate for the signature of their President.

The Senate proceeded to consider the resolution of the House of Representatives extending the time for the adjournment of the present session of Congress; and

Resolved, That they concur therein.

Ordered, That the Secretary inform the House of Representatives thereof.

The bill (H. R. 125) received this day from the House of Representatives for concurrence was read the first and second times and referred to the Committee on Post-Offices and Post-Roads.

The following message was received from the President of the Confederate States, by Mr. B. N. Harrison, his Secretary:

RICHMOND, VA., May 28, 1864.

To the Senate and House of Representatives:

I herewith transmit for your information a communication from the Secretary of War, covering copies of several reports of military operations, together with a copy of a letter from Gen. R. E. Lee, in which he expresses his disapproval of the publication of such reports, and to which I invite your special attention.

JEFFERSON DAVIS.

The message was read.

Ordered, That it be referred to the Committee on Military Affairs.

The following message was received from the President of the Confederate States, by Mr. B. N. Harrison, his Secretary:

RICHMOND, VA., May 30, 1864.

To the Senate and House of Representatives:

I herewith transmit for your consideration a communication from the Secretary of the Treasury, submitting an estimate of an additional sum required for the support of the Government.

JEFFERSON DAVIS.

The message was read.

Ordered, That it be referred to the Committee on Finance.

The following message was received from the President of the Confederate States, by Mr. B. N. Harrison, his Secretary:

RICHMOND, VA., May 30, 1864.

To the Senate and House of Representatives:

I herewith transmit for your consideration communications from the proper officers submitting estimates of the amounts required to carry out the provisions of the act approved May 13, 1864, authorizing additional compensation to certain officers and employees in the civil and legislative departments of the Government.

JEFFERSON DAVIS.

The message was read.

Ordered, That it be referred to the Committee on Finance.

The following message was received from the President of the Confederate States, by Mr. B. N. Harrison, his Secretary:

To the Senate and House of Representatives of the Confederate States of America:

A bill "to provide and organize a general staff for armies in the field, to serve during the war," was passed by your predecessors and submitted for my approval at the close of the last session.

I was unable to approve it, and now desire to state my objections to it, as well as my views on this important subject, in the hope that, by a comparison of opinion, some measure may be framed equally acceptable to the legislative and executive departments of the Government.

I believe it to be established by the experience of Europe, as well as our own, that it is impracticable to organize and administer armies with efficiency without the aid of a general staff, permanent in its character, trained in its duties, aspiring to promotion in its own corps, and responsible to the head of the department. Such a staff should be composed of a small body of officers whose education, experience, activity, and special adaptation to their duties render them peculiarly competent to perform functions on which an army depends for its capacity to act with vigor. In Europe, years of varied education in the schools, the cantonment, and the field, fit the staff officer for his position, and a long experience in the lower grades is required before he is deemed competent to duty in a more important sphere. We are forced to make experimental appointments of officers unprepared by any previous training, and who can only acquire in actual service that experience which must serve in place of well-grounded instruction. It is scarcely possible to make this experience supply the defect of previous military education otherwise than by the organization of the officers into one corps, responsible to one head, who can assign them to positions independent of the movements of general officers, and who, by judiciously varying the field or character of their duties, can give them larger opportunities for instruction, and prevent their views being narrowed to the routine and usages of a single commander, himself, perhaps, without military education.

Hope of promotion, founded on their own merit and length of good service, is as necessary to the officers of the general staff as to those of the line, furnishing the best stimulus known to honorable exertion and zealous discharge of duty. This stimulus can not exist unless the staff be organized into one corps, responsible to one chief, who, thus becoming intimately acquainted with the capacity and merits of each, is able properly to distribute the duties so as to secure the services of the right man in the right place, and afford to each an opportunity for distinction. If otherwise, each staff officer becomes dependent upon the particular commander with whom he is serving. No means of comparison exist between the relative merits of the officers. Each looks for promotion to the favor of his general, and rises in grade not by his own relative merit, but by the patronage of his commander. A gallant and able commander, whose own promotion is exceptionally rapid by reason of his special merits, is thus enabled to lift to higher grades the officers of his staff to whom he has become attached by companionship in the field, although these officers may be far inferior in merit and length of service to others whose duties have connected them with generals less distinguished. Promotion thus becomes with the staff a matter of hazard, dependent, not on the merit of the officer himself, but of the general with whom he serves, and heartburnings, jealousy, and discontent are the natural results of so false a system.

Again, if the general staff is not formed into corps there will not be the "esprit" necessary in all military organizations, and there can not be the cointelligence among the officers thereof which secures the certain and rapid communication of all information through the different parts of an army. There will also be embarrassment in their tenure of office and assignment to duty, as when a general officer dies, or is relieved from his command, there remain no duties to be performed by the staff which had been authorized for him especially. However valuable or meritorious the officers may be they are displaced by the staff chosen by the successor of their commander. Nothing remains but to deprive them of their commissions without fault of their own, or to keep them in service as supernumeraries, and thus to add to the number of officers already in excess of the wants of the Army.

Again, an organization of a general staff should possess flexibility, so that the proper number and class of staff officers can be sent where needed. If an inflexible rule of assignment be fixed by legislation, some commands will be cumbered with unnecessary officers, while others will be deficient in the number indispensable to perform the necessary duties. Legislation would surely be considered unwise if it allotted by inflexible rule the number of troops to be used in each military department, yet it would be scarcely more objectionable than the assignment of the same specified number of staff officers to each commander according to his grade, thus applying a general rule to a series of cases each requiring special treatment.

The inspecting duties in an army ought not, in my judgment, to be separated from those of the adjutants. The erroneous impression prevails that an inspecting department, independent of the general staff, is established in most of the armies of Europe. The reverse is the fact, and the duties of inspection are so intimately connected with the other duties of the general staff that they can be properly performed by it alone. The objections to the separation are manifold. In the first place, officers having no other than inspecting duties must frequently be unemployed even in war, while in peace their duties will occupy but very little time. Next, it is to be observed that where the adjutants and inspectors form one corps the duties of the adjutant make him familiar with the details of the service where reform and discipline are most needed, and thus render him more competent to effective inspection when assigned to that duty than he could be if exclusively employed as inspector. Lastly, the duties of an inspector are such as not to render the officer who performs them acceptable to his brother officers, if his duty be properly performed. It is not to be wondered at that an officer, whose duties may not be inappropriately described as those of a detective, should, if his duty be rigidly performed, incur somewhat of the odium of an informer, and when these duties constitute the sole service of an officer permanently attached to an army he must become either so lax in their performance as to render him useless, or his professional pride and self-respect are wounded, and his relations with his brother officers unfavorably affected by the distrust and dislike resulting from his official reports. When, however, an assistant adjutant and inspector general is from time to time assigned to the making of necessary inspections at various points, this temporary discharge of an unpleasant duty becomes but an incident in his professional career, and does not affect his relations with his brother officers.

Having stated these as the general principles which, in my judgment, should govern legislation on the subject, the objections to the bill passed at the last session can be more easily understood, and I proceed to state them briefly:

1. The first section of the bill authorizes a general commanding armies or a sepa-

rate army to assign to duty one of the general officers under his command as chief of staff, one of the brigadier-generals under his command as inspector-general, and one other brigadier as chief quartermaster; one officer below the rank of brigadier as chief commissary, and one as chief of ordnance.

This power of assignment is given without reference to, or consultation with, the War Department or the Executive, and might be exercised in contravention of the views and judgment of both. Leaving out of view the question whether it is in accordance with the Constitution to make the commander of an army independent of the Commander in Chief, in the discharge of any of the duties of his office, and looking only to the effect of such a system, it plainly creates in this branch of the service as many independent executives as there are generals commanding armies in the field, and thus destroys that unity of design and concert of action which are indispensable elements of success in war. The generals commanding armies would be, by this section, vested with the right to derange the organization of their commands as settled by the Commander in Chief by removing from their appropriate functions the commanders of corps, divisions, and brigades, whom the Executive had selected and the Senate had approved as specially fitted to lead the troops in battle.

That the general commanding the army has under the terms of this section the right of assigning general officers under his command to the duties of the general staff, without reference to the authority of the Executive, is plain from the other sections which declare that the President is to appoint, with the advice of the Senate, the staffs of all general officers, other than those who command armies.

Nor does this section restrict the commanding general in relation to the branch of service or the grade of the officers whom he is permitted to assign to commissary and ordnance duties of the general staff. It is only necessary that they be below the rank of brigadier-general. The commanding general would have the power, therefore, to assign a captain commissary to be chief of ordnance, or a lieutenant of infantry to be chief commissary, without check or control from the President or Senate, while the President would be without power to appoint subordinates to the officers thus selected by the general of an army, without submitting their nominations for the approval of the Senate. Not only, therefore, is all order of authority interverted by these provisions, but the officers assigned to duty by the commanding generals, not being permanent members of the general staff, would be independent of its chief, and inextricable confusion would necessarily result.

This section, so far from responding to the title of the bill by providing a general staff, in reality breaks up that which now exists, subdivides it into a number of small bodies irresponsible to the head of the department, and destroys the possibility of any regular, consistent, and intelligent cooperation in the action of our forces, so essential to success. Its effect is to create a staff for generals, not a general staff.

If a contest should arise between the quartermaster-generals, the commissaries-general, or the chiefs of ordnance of generals A and B, in any district of country for supplies or means of transportation, who is to determine between these rivals, each equal in authority, and each dependent on a separate chief? How are the chiefs of those bureaus in Richmond to apportion the supplies in store according to the wants of the different armies, without authority to exact from them reports and returns? If it be said that these officers would become temporarily responsible to the heads of Departments, how is this responsibility to be enforced, if the orders of the general and those of the chief of the Department should conflict? If ordnance depots are provided at different points for different commands, how is the officer in charge of these depots to act, if ordered by the chief of ordnance of a general in the field to make a different disposal of the stores, from that ordered by the head of the Department in Richmond?

If such a bill should become a law, in vain would the War Department seek to exact rigid obedience to law or orders from the irresponsible staff created under its provisions. In vain would it seek for the information necessary for its guidance, or attempt to change the relative strength of armies to meet the varying movements of the enemy. The staff officers could be made the ready and safe means of thwarting the Government in its orders for the removal of troops from one command to reinforce threatened positions in another, and could be easily rendered subservient to the natural but dangerous propensity of most commanders to retain all the troops under their own control for the safety of their own commands, without reference to more urgent needs at other points.

It is scarcely necessary to add to these considerations more than a bare allusion to the tendency of such bodies of officers, when dependent for their own promotion on the favor of their special chiefs, to resort to agencies less commendable than the zealous discharge of their legitimate duties for the attainment of their desires.

11. Another very objectionable feature of the bill proposed is its effect on the offi-

cers of the general staff other than those who may be selected as the favorites of commanding generals.

Numbers of zealous, meritorious, and valuable officers have made the duties of the general staff objects of special study, have embraced the staff as a branch of the profession in which, under existing laws, they are entitled to promotion for merit and long service, just as the line officers have a right to promotion in their branch.

This bill deprives the staff officers of this, the great incentive to the zealous discharge of duty. It debars them from promotion to the higher grades of their own branch of service, and bestows these prizes of honorable ambition on the officers of the line, who will thus monopolize the promotions to the higher grades, both in the line and staff, to the entire exclusion of the officers of the latter. Few will be willing to remain in the staff under such circumstances. Those who consent to continue will be those least ambitious of promotion, and the whole staff service will be impaired in tone and efficiency.

III. The assignment of general officers to staff duties, as provided in the bill, would leave many brigades, some divisions, and, perhaps, some corps, without their appropriate commanders, and no provision is made to supply the vacancies thus created. Are their commands to be considered vacant and successors appointed? If so, what is to become of those assigned to staff duty should the commanding general revoke the assignment? If the contrary, many brigades will be commanded by the officer next in rank to the assigned brigadier, however incompetent such officer may be to command a brigade, and the like would occur as to divisions and corps, in contravention of the policy well considered and established that general officers are appointed by selection for merit, and not promoted by seniority. If the commanding general is ordered to another command, is he to take his staff with him, or is he to leave it for service with his successor? In either case is the whole general staff of each army to be changed at the caprice of the new commander? This must be the effect of the bill, for the power to assign necessarily implies the power to revoke, as it would otherwise be equivalent to a permanent appointment that could only be made by the President, with the advice and consent of the Senate.

IV. The fourth objection to the bill is that it applies one rigid rule for the number of the general staff, based solely on the rank of the commander, and having no reference to the necessities of a command. The staff allowed is excessive in number and rank in many instances and entirely inadequate in others. A law providing a general staff on such a basis as is assumed in this bill can not, from its very nature, be executed according to its terms. The labor required of the staff connected with a brigade, division, or corps depends on the fact of its being part of an army or a separate command, as well as on the number of men, the extent of the country over which operations are to be conducted, the abundance or scarcity of supplies in the district, the existence or absence of railroad, river, or other transportation, the concentration or dispersion of the troops, and the many other circumstances which control military movements in time of war. It is impossible to apply a rigid, unbending rule to such diverse cases.

An organization into corps meets all these difficulties, by providing for assignment of the proper number of officers to different commands according to the needs of each.

V. The number and rank of the aids-de-camp allowed by the bill is believed to be greatly in excess of those allowed by other governments, and quite unsuited to the nature of ours. They would rather impede than improve the service—they would encourage a love of ostentation and feed a fondness for vain display, which should rather be discouraged than fostered. The experience of this war has demonstrated that the most efficient commanders, those who have most attracted the respect, gratitude, and admiration of their country, have avoided the large retinue of personal staff which this bill would seem to sanction as proper or desirable.

VI. The objection to the enormous increase in the number of officers and expenditure that would result from the passage of such a bill becomes a matter of serious concern when no corresponding increase of efficiency is secured; of still graver importance, when the opposite result is to be feared.

According to the bill as passed, the staff would embrace an addition of about four hundred officers, involving an increased annual expenditure for pay, rations, forage, and allowance, amounting to \$1,138,728, above the present staff as organized by general orders under existing legislation.

If generals are to be allowed to change the staff of each army, to which they may be assigned, at their pleasure, it is difficult to calculate the extent to which this abuse would grow, the number of men that would be drawn from useful service to cumber the staff, or the increase of expenditure involved.

Congress will perceive that with objections so radical it was impossible for me to approve the bill passed at the last session, and that the subject was too important to be treated in a hurried message within the last few hours of the close of a Congress. Concurring in the expediency of legislation for the organization of a general staff, I have thought a full exposition of my views on the subject would, perhaps, conduce to the framing of a measure which would carry into effect the views of the legislative department, while excluding the provisions which have compelled me to decline approving that devised by your predecessors.

JEFFERSON DAVIS.

RICHMOND, May 28, 1864.

The message was read.

Ordered, That it lie upon the table.

On motion by Mr. Semmes,

The Senate adjourned.

SECRET SESSION.

Mr. Hill, from the Committee on the Judiciary, to whom was referred the communication from Thomas C. Reynolds, governor of the State of Missouri, in relation to the vacancy existing in the representation of that State in the Confederate States Senate, submitted a report (No. 3); which was read.

On motion by Mr. Johnson of Arkansas,

Ordered, That it lie upon the table.

Leave was granted Mr. Johnson of Missouri, on his motion, to communicate to the governor of the State of Missouri a copy of the said report, together with the action of the Senate thereon.

On motion by Mr. Hill,

Ordered, That the injunction of secrecy be removed from the first section of the act entitled "An act to fix the time for the assembling of the Congress at its next regular session," etc., approved May 27, 1864.

A message from the President of the Confederate States, by Mr. B. N. Harrison, his Secretary:

Mr. President: The President of the Confederate States, on the 27th instant, approved and signed the following act and joint resolution:

S. 16. An act to fix the time for the assembling of the Congress at its next regular session, and to authorize the President to convene the Congress at any place other than the seat of government; and

S. 6. Joint resolution to authorize the removal of the public archives and of the Executive Departments of the Government.

Ordered, That the Secretary inform the House of Representatives thereof.

Mr. Sparrow (by leave) introduced

A bill (S. 57) to provide for the appointment of officers with temporary rank and command; which was read the first and second times and considered as in Committee of the Whole.

On motion by Mr. Johnson of Arkansas, to amend the bill by striking out, section 1, lines 10 and 11, the words "such commands as he may deem proper" and inserting in lieu thereof the words "any appropriate command where the commanding officer may be absent,"

On motion by Mr. Sparrow, to amend the proposed amendment by striking out the words "where the commanding officer may be absent,"

It was determined in the affirmative.

On the question to agree to the amendment proposed by Mr. Johnson of Arkansas, as amended,

It was determined in the affirmative.

On motion by Mr. Brown, to amend the bill by inserting after "rank of," section 1, line 6, the words "major, lieutenant-colonel, colonel,"

It was determined in the negative.

On motion by Mr. Johnson of Arkansas, to amend the bill by inserting after "appoint," section 1, line 6, the word "Temporary,"

It was determined in the affirmative.

On motion by Mr. Orr, to amend the bill by striking out the words "President may consider their services therein necessary," section 2, lines 4, 5, and 6, and inserting in lieu thereof the word "temporary exigency may require,"

It was determined in the affirmative.

No further amendment being made, the bill was reported to the Senate and the amendments were concurred in.

Ordered, That the bill be engrossed and read a third time.

The said bill was read the third time.

Resolved, That it pass, and that the title thereof be as aforesaid.

Ordered, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the House of Representatives therein.

On motion by Mr. Orr,

The Senate resolved into executive session.

EXECUTIVE SESSION.

Mr. Orr, from the Committee on Rules, agreeably to instructions of the Senate, reported the following resolution: which was considered and agreed to:

Resolved, That the following rule be adopted and numbered the fifty-second rule of the Senate:

"When nominations shall be made in writing by the President of the Confederate States to the Senate, they shall be referred to an appropriate committee, unless otherwise ordered by a majority of the Senate; and nominations neither confirmed nor rejected during the session at which they are made shall not be acted upon at any succeeding session without being again made by the President."

On motion by Mr. Johnson of Arkansas,

Ordered, That the Secretary be instructed to lay the foregoing rule before the President of the Confederate States and that the injunction of secrecy be removed therefrom.

On motion by Mr. Sparrow,

Ordered, That the Committee on Military Affairs be discharged from the further consideration of the communication from W. B. Lowry in relation to his appointment as colonel of the Eleventh Mississippi Regiment.

The following message was received from the President of the Confederate States, by Mr. B. N. Harrison, his Secretary:

RICHMOND, VA., May 24, 1864.

To the Senate of the Confederate States:

Agreeably to the recommendation of the Secretary of the Navy, I hereby nominate the person named upon the annexed list to the office designated.

JEFFERSON DAVIS.

NAVY DEPARTMENT, CONFEDERATE STATES OF AMERICA,
Richmond, May 23, 1864.

THE PRESIDENT.

SIR: I have the honor to recommend the following nomination for appointment in the Marine Corps:

Second Lieutenant.

Everard T. Eggleston, of Texas, vice Second Lieut. F. MacRee, promoted.

I am, respectfully, your obedient servant,

S. R. MALLORY,
Secretary of the Navy.

The message was read.

Ordered, That it be referred to the Committee on Naval Affairs.

RICHMOND, VA., *May 30, 1864.*

To the Senate of the Confederate States:

Agreeably to the recommendation of the Attorney-General, I hereby nominate James H. Patterson, to be district attorney for the eastern district of Arkansas.

JEFFERSON DAVIS.

DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE, CONFEDERATE STATES OF AMERICA,
Richmond, Va., May 30, 1864.

TO THE PRESIDENT.

SIR: I have the honor to recommend that James H. Patterson be appointed district attorney of the Confederate States for the eastern district of Arkansas, in the place of W. M. Randolph, removed for disloyalty.

GEO. DAVIS,
Attorney-General.

The message was read.

Ordered, That it be referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

RICHMOND, VA., *May 27, 1864.*

To the Senate of the Confederate States:

Agreeably to the recommendation of the Postmaster-General, I hereby nominate the persons named upon the annexed list to the offices designated.

JEFFERSON DAVIS.

POST-OFFICE DEPARTMENT, *Richmond, May 26, 1864.*

SIR: I have the honor to recommend for appointment as postmasters, with the advice and consent of the Senate, the following-named persons, who were appointed during the recess of the Senate:

March 5, 1864, N. A. Bull, Orangeburg, S. C., vice J. V. Glover, resigned.

March 21, 1864, Nathan Seligman, Shreveport, La., vice George Tucker, resigned.

March 21, 1864, Henry Townsend, Wetumpka, Ala., vice L. F. Townsend, resigned.

March 23, 1864, Richard C. Wallace, Georgetown, S. C., vice W. McNulty, resigned.

April 1, 1864, Noah L. Cloud, Bainbridge, Ga.

April 16, 1864, Rufus W. Daniel, Weldon, N. C.

Very respectfully, your obedient servant,

JOHN H. REAGAN,
Postmaster-General.

THE PRESIDENT.

The message was read.

Ordered, That it be referred to the Committee on Post-Offices and Post-Roads.

RICHMOND, VA., *May 30, 1864.*

To the Senate of the Confederate States:

Agreeably to the recommendation of the Postmaster-General, I hereby nominate E. A. Thomas, to be postmaster at Holly Springs, Miss.

JEFFERSON DAVIS.

POST-OFFICE DEPARTMENT, *Richmond, Va., May 28, 1864.*

SIR: I have the honor to recommend for appointment as postmaster, with the advice and consent of the Senate, E. A. Thomas, Holly Springs, Marshall County, Miss.

Very respectfully, your obedient servant,

JOHN H. REAGAN,
Postmaster-General.

THE PRESIDENT.

The message was read.

Ordered, That it be referred to the Committee on Post-Offices and Post-Roads.

RICHMOND, VA., May 30, 1864.

To the Senate of the Confederate States:

Agreeably to the recommendation of the Postmaster-General, I hereby nominate Dr. James H. Starr, to be agent of the Post-Office Department for the country west of the Mississippi River.

JEFFERSON DAVIS.

POST-OFFICE DEPARTMENT, *Richmond, May 30, 1864.*

SIR: I have the honor to recommend for appointment, by and with the advice and consent of the Senate, Dr. James H. Starr, of Nacogdoches, Tex., as agent of the Post-Office Department for the country west of the Mississippi River, as authorized by an act of Congress approved February 10, 1864.

Very respectfully, your obedient servant,

JOHN H. REAGAN,
Postmaster-General.

The PRESIDENT.

The message was read.

Ordered, That it be referred to the Committee on Post-Offices and Post-Roads.

CONFEDERATE STATES OF AMERICA, EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT,
Richmond, May 28, 1864.

To the Senate of the Confederate States:

Agreeably to the recommendation of the Secretary of War, I nominate Col. Bryan Grimes, of North Carolina, to be a brigadier-general in the Provisional Army of the Confederate States of America.

JEFFERSON DAVIS.

CONFEDERATE STATES OF AMERICA, WAR DEPARTMENT,
Richmond, May 28, 1864.

SIR: I have the honor to recommend the nomination of Col. Bryan Grimes, of North Carolina, to be a brigadier-general in the Provisional Army of the Confederate States of America, to command the late General Daniel's brigade, Army of Northern Virginia, to rank from May 19, 1864.

I am, sir, respectfully, your obedient servant,

JAMES A. SEDDON,
Secretary of War.

To His Excellency JEFFERSON DAVIS,
President, &c.

The message was read.

Ordered, That it be referred to the Committee on Military Affairs.

CONFEDERATE STATES OF AMERICA, EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT,
Richmond, May 27, 1864.

To the Senate of the Confederate States:

Agreeably to the recommendation of the Secretary of War, I nominate L. T. Nunnelee, of ———, to be second lieutenant, Stuart's Artillery, in the Provisional Army of the Confederate States of America.

JEFFERSON DAVIS.

CONFEDERATE STATES OF AMERICA, WAR DEPARTMENT,
Richmond, May 26, 1864.

SIR: I have the honor to recommend the nomination of L. T. Nunnelee, of ———, to be second lieutenant, Stuart's Artillery, in the Provisional Army of the Confederate States of America, for distinguished valor and skill (under act approved April 16, 1862), to rank from February 27, 1864.

I am, sir, respectfully, your obedient servant,

J. A. SEDDON,
Secretary of War.

To His Excellency JEFFERSON DAVIS,
President, &c.

The message was read.

Ordered, That it be referred to the Committee on Military Affairs.

CONFEDERATE STATES OF AMERICA, EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT,

*Richmond, May 28, 1864.**To the Senate of the Confederate States:*

Agreeably to the recommendation of the Secretary of War, I nominate A. P. Sangrain, of Missouri, to be adjutant Twenty-seventh Arkansas Regiment, in the Provisional Army of the Confederate States of America.

JEFFERSON DAVIS.

CONFEDERATE STATES OF AMERICA, WAR DEPARTMENT,

Richmond, May 26, 1864.

SIR: I have the honor to recommend the nomination of A. P. Sangrain, of Missouri, to be adjutant Twenty-seventh Arkansas Regiment, in the Provisional Army of the Confederate States of America, vice Lieutenant Mageniz, promoted, to rank from March 15, 1863.

I am, sir, respectfully, your obedient servant,

JAMES A. SEDDON,
Secretary of War.

To His Excellency JEFFERSON DAVIS,
President, &c.

The message was read.

Ordered, That it be referred to the Committee on Military Affairs.

CONFEDERATE STATES OF AMERICA, EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT,

*Richmond, May 28, 1864.**To the Senate of the Confederate States:*

Agreeably to the recommendation of the Secretary of War, I nominate John B. Hardeman, of Texas, to be a quartermaster, with the rank of major in the Provisional Army of the Confederate States of America.

JEFFERSON DAVIS.

CONFEDERATE STATES OF AMERICA, WAR DEPARTMENT,

Richmond, May 26, 1864.

SIR: I have the honor to recommend the nomination of John B. Hardeman, of Texas, to be a quartermaster, with the rank of major in the Provisional Army of the Confederate States of America, for duty with the brigade under command of Col. H. Randal, Trans-Mississippi Department (an original vacancy), to date from September 1, 1863.

I am, sir, respectfully, your obedient servant,

JAMES A. SEDDON,
Secretary of War.

To His Excellency JEFFERSON DAVIS,
President, &c.

The message was read.

Ordered, That it be referred to the Committee on Military Affairs.

CONFEDERATE STATES OF AMERICA, EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT,

*Richmond, May 28, 1864.**To the Senate of the Confederate States:*

Agreeably to the recommendation of the Secretary of War, I nominate John W. Brown, of Texas, to be a commissary, with the rank of major in the Provisional Army of the Confederate States of America.

JEFFERSON DAVIS.

CONFEDERATE STATES OF AMERICA, WAR DEPARTMENT,

Richmond, May 26, 1864.

SIR: I have the honor to recommend the nomination of John W. Brown, of Texas, to be a commissary, with rank of major in the Provisional Army of the Confederate States of America, for duty with the late Thomas Green's brigade, Trans-Mississippi Department (an original vacancy), to date from September 1, 1863.

I am, sir, respectfully, your obedient servant,

JAMES A. SEDDON,
Secretary of War.

To His Excellency JEFFERSON DAVIS,
President, &c.

The message was read.

Ordered, That it be referred to the Committee on Military Affairs.

CONFEDERATE STATES OF AMERICA, EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT,
Richmond, May 28, 1864.

To the Senate of the Confederate States:

Agreeably to the recommendation of the Secretary of War, I nominate the officers on the accompanying list to be assistant quartermasters, with the rank of captain in the Provisional Army of the Confederate States of America.

JEFFERSON DAVIS.

CONFEDERATE STATES OF AMERICA, WAR DEPARTMENT,
Richmond, May 26, 1864.

SIR: I have the honor to recommend the following nominations for appointment in the Provisional Army of the Confederate States of America:

Assistant quartermasters—captains.

Isaac A. Clarke, of Arkansas, for duty with Second Creek Regiment, Trans-Mississippi Department, vice Capt. John Barnwell, resigned, to date from September 1, 1863.

L. C. Fisher, of Texas, for duty with Seventh Texas Cavalry Regiment, Trans-Mississippi Department (an original vacancy), to date from September 1, 1863.

I am, sir, respectfully, your obedient servant,

JAMES A. SEDDON,
Secretary of War.

To His Excellency JEFFERSON DAVIS,
President, &c.

The message was read.

Ordered, That it be referred to the Committee on Military Affairs.

CONFEDERATE STATES OF AMERICA, EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT,
Richmond, May 28, 1864.

To the Senate of the Confederate States:

Agreeably to the recommendation of the Secretary of War, I nominate the officers on the accompanying list to be artillery officers, under act approved January 22, 1862, with the rank of major in the Provisional Army of the Confederate States of America.

JEFFERSON DAVIS.

CONFEDERATE STATES OF AMERICA, WAR DEPARTMENT,
Richmond, May 26, 1864.

SIR: I have the honor to recommend the following nominations for appointment in the Provisional Army of the Confederate States of America:

ARTILLERY OFFICERS, UNDER ACT APPROVED JANUARY 22, 1862.

Majors.

Sidney T. Fontaine, of Texas, to take rank from September 1, 1863.

George R. Wilson, of Texas, to take rank from September 1, 1863.

I am, sir, respectfully, your obedient servant,

JAMES A. SEDDON,
Secretary of War.

To His Excellency JEFFERSON DAVIS,
President, &c.

The message was read.

Ordered, That it be referred to the Committee on Military Affairs.

CONFEDERATE STATES OF AMERICA, EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT,
Richmond, May 30, 1864.

To the Senate of the Confederate States:

Agreeably to the recommendation of the Secretary of War, I nominate the officers on the accompanying list for promotion in the Provisional Army of the Confederate States of America.

• JEFFERSON DAVIS.

CONFEDERATE STATES OF AMERICA, WAR DEPARTMENT,
Richmond, May 28, 1864.

SIR: I have the honor to recommend the following nominations for promotion in the Provisional Army of the Confederate States of America:

Colonels.

Lieut. Col. W. D. Mitchell, of Georgia, to be colonel Twenty-ninth Georgia Regiment, vice Colonel Young, resigned, to rank from January 19, 1864.

Lieut. Col. T. P. Shaw, of South Carolina, to be colonel Nineteenth South Carolina Regiment, vice Colonel Lythgoe, killed, to rank from December 31, 1862.

Lieutenant-colonels.

Maj. W. W. Billopp, of Georgia, to be lieutenant-colonel Twenty-ninth Georgia Regiment, vice Lieutenant-Colonel Mitchell, promoted, to rank from January 19, 1864.

Maj. E. G. Brasher, of Arkansas, to be lieutenant-colonel Second Arkansas Regiment, vice Lieutenant-Colonel Warfield, promoted, to rank from April 26, 1864.

Majors.

Capt. J. J. Owen, of Georgia, to be major Twenty-ninth Georgia Regiment, vice Major Billopp, promoted, to rank from January 19, 1864.

Capt. James W. Banning, of Georgia, to be major Twenty-eighth Georgia Regiment, vice Major Crawford, promoted, to rank from January 20, 1864.

Capt. George W. Reynolds, of Mississippi, to be major Twenty-ninth Mississippi Regiment, vice Major Isom, resigned, to rank from February 15, 1864.

Capt. J. W. Carter, of ———, to be major Second Virginia Battalion, Local Defense, vice Major Seruggs, promoted, to rank from May 5, 1864.

I am, sir, respectfully, your obedient servant,

JAMES A. SEDDON,
Secretary of War.

To His Excellency JEFFERSON DAVIS,
President, &c.

The message was read.

Ordered. That it be referred to the Committee on Military Affairs.

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT, *Richmond, May 30, 1864.*

To the Senate of the Confederate States:

Agreeably to the recommendation of the Secretary of War, I nominate the officers on the accompanying list to the rank affixed to their names, respectively.

JEFFERSON DAVIS.

WAR DEPARTMENT, *Richmond, May 26, 1864.*

SIR: I have the honor to recommend the following nominations for appointment in the Provisional Army of the Confederate States of America:

Surgeons.

R. A. Watkins, of Missouri, to take rank from August 21, 1863.

Duff Child, of Alabama, to take rank from December 1, 1863.

John T. McFarland, of Georgia, to take rank from January 20, 1863.

William Hoskins, of Virginia, to take rank from December 21, 1863.

Henry V. Gray, of Virginia, to take rank from January 14, 1864.

John C. Mobley, of South Carolina, to take rank from January 4, 1864.

Edward B. Perrin, of Alabama, to take rank from February 27, 1864.

Henry Clay Ghent, of Alabama, to take rank from February 16, 1864.

Alexander Rives, of Virginia, to take rank from February 17, 1864.
 Charles H. Todd, of Louisiana, to take rank from February 27, 1864.
 Robert Donnell Gwin, of Tennessee, to take rank from February 23, 1864.
 Samuel V. D. Hill, of Mississippi, to take rank from February 24, 1864.
 Benjamin F. Duvall, of Kentucky, to take rank from March 7, 1864.
 James B. Luckie, of Alabama, to take rank from October 9, 1863.
 Patrick H. Griffin, of Mississippi, to take rank from May 24, 1862.
 Joseph J. Holt, of Mississippi, to take rank from November 1, 1863.
 Junius Roane, of Virginia, to take rank from March 24, 1864.
 William W. Keith, of South Carolina, to take rank from March 29, 1864.
 G. A. D. Galt, of Virginia, to take rank from March 31, 1864.
 William G. Carter, of Virginia, to take rank from March 7, 1864.
 John William Lawson, of Virginia, to take rank from March 17, 1864.
 William W. Douglas, of Virginia, to take rank from March 23, 1864.
 William E. Kemble, of Virginia, to take rank from January 18, 1863.
 Alfred R. Garnier, of Louisiana, to take rank from March 19, 1864.
 Joseph H. Mittall, of Tennessee, to take rank from March 19, 1864.
 Thomas R. Cosby, of Virginia, to take rank from March 30, 1864.
 Alfred Smith, of Kentucky, to take rank from March 21, 1864.
 S. A. Holt, of Alabama, to take rank from June 4, 1862.
 Henry Plummer, of Kentucky, to take rank from October 2, 1862.
 William E. Saunders, of Texas, to take rank from November 18, 1862.
 Matthew Deavenport, of Mississippi, to take rank from February 17, 1863.
 John William Crowders, of Missouri, to take rank from July 28, 1863.
 George Washington Henderson, of Mississippi, to take rank from October 16, 1863.
 Joseph Bensaden, of Louisiana, to take rank from February 25, 1862.
 John Gratton Cabell, of Virginia, to take rank from September 29, 1863.
 John Dickson Bruns, of South Carolina, to take rank from December 14, 1863.
 Eben Billyer, of Georgia, to take rank from January 7, 1864.
 Alfred Raoul, of South Carolina, to take rank from February 24, 1864.
 Bolling A. Pope, of Georgia, to take rank from March 17, 1864.
 William A. Cochran, of Alabama, to take rank from November 25, 1862.
 John M. Henson, of Tennessee, to take rank from July 12, 1862.
 John W. King, of Tennessee, to take rank from December 22, 1861.
 B. T. Marshall, of Kentucky, to take rank from May 2, 1864.

Assistant surgeons.

W. R. Jones, of Arkansas, to take effect August 15, 1863.
 A. T. Robertson, of Arkansas, to take effect June 20, 1863.
 L. W. Harris, of Alabama, to take effect December 1, 1863.
 L. T. Richardson, of Texas, to take effect March 4, 1863.
 W. H. Brame, of Mississippi, to take effect December 4, 1863.
 T. J. Black, of Mississippi, to take effect November 17, 1862.
 R. H. Lee, of Alabama, to take effect December 23, 1863.
 A. F. Wills, of Virginia, to take effect February 18, 1863.
 J. F. Hughes, of Virginia, to take effect December 2, 1863.
 R. U. Burges, of Virginia, to take effect December 3, 1863.
 D. Williams, of North Carolina, to take effect December 11, 1863.
 W. R. Hughes, of North Carolina, to take effect December 12, 1863.
 J. F. L. McClery, of District of Columbia, to take effect December 21, 1863.
 W. P. Thurman, of Virginia, to take effect December 28, 1863.
 E. A. Leggett, of Georgia, to take effect December 29, 1863.
 J. R. Jones, of Virginia, to take effect December 29, 1863.
 T. S. Fox, of South Carolina, to take effect December 3, 1863.
 H. W. De Saussure, of South Carolina, to take effect December 4, 1863.
 B. B. Poellnitz, of Alabama, to take effect December 4, 1863.
 H. S. Beatty, of South Carolina, to take effect December 9, 1863.
 J. D. Neill, of South Carolina, to take effect December 9, 1863.
 J. R. McKenzie, of Tennessee, to take effect September 13, 1862.
 T. E. Nott, of South Carolina, to take effect December 11, 1863.
 H. D. Green, of South Carolina, to take effect December 12, 1863.
 J. C. Arant, of South Carolina, to take effect December 15, 1863.
 D. C. Millen, of Texas, to take effect December 17, 1863.
 H. J. Smith, of Georgia, to take effect December 22, 1863.
 T. W. Brian, of Georgia, to take effect December 22, 1863.
 J. W. Suggs, of Georgia, to take effect December 22, 1863.

P. H. Adams, of South Carolina, to take effect December 23, 1863.
J. B. Simpson, of South Carolina, to take effect December 24, 1863.
J. T. Harden, of Georgia, to take effect December 29, 1863.
T. F. Dunn, of Mississippi, to take effect December 29, 1863.
E. Ravenel, jr., of South Carolina, to take effect December 30, 1863.
P. J. Maxwell, of South Carolina, to take effect December 30, 1863.
H. J. Nott, of South Carolina, to take effect January 12, 1864.
W. J. Upshaw, of Virginia, to take effect January 12, 1864.
J. V. Brookes, of Virginia, to take effect January 28, 1864.
L. W. Dick, of South Carolina, to take effect January 7, 1864.
L. F. Dozier, of Georgia, to take effect January 7, 1864.
T. A. Southerland, of South Carolina, to take effect January 8, 1864.
J. J. W. Glenn, of Georgia, to take effect January 8, 1864.
J. R. Gildersleeve, of Virginia, to take effect January 15, 1864.
S. R. Deakins, of Georgia, to take effect January 20, 1864.
M. M. Pitts, of South Carolina, to take effect January 20, 1864.
R. E. Shelton, of Tennessee, to take effect January 23, 1864.
M. W. McCaine, of South Carolina, to take effect January 25, 1864.
T. C. Brown, of South Carolina, to take effect January 27, 1864.
S. M. Lewis, of Kentucky, to take effect January 29, 1864.
S. C. Martin, of Mississippi, to take effect January 2, 1864.
W. R. Minniece, of Mississippi, to take effect January 12, 1864.
W. Magruder, of Mississippi, to take effect January 14, 1864.
W. T. Parker, of Mississippi, to take effect January 14, 1864.
W. Henderson, of England, to take effect February 5, 1864.
J. F. Zacharias, of Maryland, to take effect February 8, 1864.
E. W. Latimer, of Virginia, to take effect February 8, 1864.
W. J. Williams, of Virginia, to take effect February 12, 1864.
W. H. Dulaney, of Virginia, to take effect February 13, 1864.
G. S. Field, of Virginia, to take effect February 19, 1864.
J. R. Wood, of Virginia, to take effect February 2, 1864.
W. L. Lundy, of Mississippi, to take effect February 4, 1864.
W. J. Pierce, of Alabama, to take effect February 5, 1864.
J. W. Banks, of Tennessee, to take effect February 8, 1864.
J. C. Blakeney, of South Carolina, to take effect February 9, 1864.
G. McD. Brumby, of Louisiana, to take effect February 19, 1864.
J. L. Speake, of South Carolina, to take effect February 20, 1864.
W. S. Pierson, of South Carolina, to take effect February 20, 1864.
W. H. Pue, of Missouri, to take effect February 27, 1864.
S. S. Carter, of Mississippi, to take effect February 27, 1864.
H. A. Coleman, of South Carolina, to take effect March 15, 1864.
A. J. Wolfe, of South Carolina, to take effect March 16, 1864.
D. P. Holloway, of South Carolina, to take effect March 16, 1864.
R. B. Harris, of Georgia, to take effect March 17, 1864.
G. B. Williams, of Georgia, to take effect March 18, 1864.
C. G. Stephens, of South Carolina, to take effect March 21, 1864.
L. D. McReynolds, of Alabama, to take effect March 21, 1864.
J. W. Caldwell, of South Carolina, to take effect March 22, 1864.
G. B. Lester, of Tennessee, to take effect May 21, 1862.
T. J. Goodwyn, of South Carolina, to take effect March 28, 1864.
A. McD. Moore, of Georgia, to take effect March 29, 1864.
B. A. Bobo, of Florida, to take effect March 30, 1864.
W. A. Strother, of South Carolina, to take effect March 31, 1864.
T. J. Taylor, of Virginia, to take effect March 5, 1864.
B. Williams, of District of Columbia, to take effect March 8, 1864.
T. I. Webb, of Tennessee, to take effect March 10, 1864.
A. S. Epes, of Virginia, to take effect March 10, 1864.
J. C. Goodman, of North Carolina, to take effect March 14, 1864.
F. S. Hall, of Virginia, to take effect March 15, 1864.
H. W. Dorsey, of Maryland, to take effect March 18, 1864.
T. E. Moorman, of Virginia, to take effect March 19, 1864.
M. W. Stanford, of Tennessee, to take effect March 21, 1864.
A. M. Robertson, of Virginia, to take effect March 22, 1864.
W. D. Witherspoon, of Alabama, to take effect March 24, 1864.
H. M. Heath, of Virginia, to take effect March 25, 1864.
J. S. Deyerle, of Virginia, to take effect March 26, 1864.
P. Roan, of Virginia, to take effect March 29, 1864.
H. J. McLaurin, of South Carolina, to take effect March 7, 1864.

H. D. Shell, of South Carolina, to take effect March 8, 1864.

E. T. Adams, of Virginia, to take effect March 12, 1864.

G. A. Merritt, of South Carolina, to take effect March 22, 1864.

G. W. Jordan, of South Carolina, to take effect March 21, 1864.

W. M. Baird, of Kentucky, to take effect April 20, 1862.

B. M. Alford, of Texas, to take effect October 12, 1863.

L. A. Woodson, of Virginia, to take effect February 8, 1864.

I am, sir, very respectfully, your obedient servant,

JAMES A. SEDDON,
Secretary of War.

To His Excellency JEFFERSON DAVIS,
President, etc.

The message was read.

Ordered. That it be referred to the Committee on Military Affairs.

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT, *Richmond, May 27, 1864.*

To the Senate of the Confederate States:

Agreeably to the recommendation of the Secretary of War, I nominate the officers on the accompanying list to the rank affixed to their names, respectively.

JEFFERSON DAVIS.

No. 12.] WAR DEPARTMENT, *Richmond, May 8, 1864.*

SIR: I have the honor to recommend the following nominations for appointment in the Provisional Army of the Confederate States of America:

Surgeons.

R. T. Abernathy, of Alabama, to take rank from May 15, 1863.

R. J. Christie, of Missouri, to take rank from July 25, 1862.

I am, sir, respectfully, your obedient servant,

JAMES A. SEDDON,
Secretary of War.

To His Excellency JEFFERSON DAVIS,
President, etc.

The message was read.

Ordered. That it be referred to the Committee on Military Affairs.

On motion by Mr. Orr,

The Senate resolved into open legislative session.

TUESDAY, MAY 31, 1864.

OPEN SESSION.

On motion by Mr. Caperton,

The Senate resolved into secret legislative session.

The doors having been opened,

On motion by Mr. Burnett,

Ordered. That the Committee on Military Affairs be discharged from the further consideration of the bill (S. 47) to facilitate the settlement of the claims of deceased soldiers.

A message from the House of Representatives, by Mr. Dalton:

Mr. President: The House of Representatives have passed the bill of the Senate (S. 22) to secure the prompt printing of the laws of the Confederate States, with amendments; in which they request the concurrence of the Senate.

And they have passed a joint resolution (H. R. 10) of thanks to the Ninth Regiment of Texas Infantry; in which they request the concurrence of the Senate.

On motion by Mr. Barnwell,

Ordered. That the Committee on Finance be discharged from the further consideration of the petition of Margaret A. Rice and that it be referred to the Committee on Claims.

On motion by Mr. Sparrow,

Ordered, That the Committee on Military Affairs be discharged from the further consideration of a resolution inquiring into the expediency of so amending the act to organize forces to serve during the war, approved February 17, 1864, as to provide for the exemption from military service of the necessary officers of steamboats engaged in transportation for the Government.

Mr. Sparrow, from the Committee on Military Affairs, reported

A bill (S. 58) to authorize the appointment of quartermasters and assistant quartermasters and commissaries and assistant commissaries in the Provisional Army in certain cases; which was read the first and second times and ordered to be placed upon the Calendar.

On motion by Mr. Hill,

Ordered, That the Committee on the Judiciary be discharged from the further consideration of the resolution inquiring into the expediency of reporting a bill for the suspension of the writ of habeas corpus after the expiration of the present law, and of providing by said bill that the said suspension shall continue until the close of the next session of Congress.

Mr. Maxwell, from the committee, reported that they had examined and found truly enrolled bills and a joint resolution of the following titles:

S. 10. An act to amend an act entitled "An act to aid any State in communicating with and perfecting records concerning its troops," approved 16th February, 1864;

S. 28. An act to amend an act entitled "An act creating the office of ensign in the Army of the Confederate States;"

S. 39. An act to amend the several acts in regard to chaplains;

S. 41. An act to provide for the appointment of a disbursing clerk in the War Department; and

S. 7. Joint resolution in regard to the exemption of editors and employees of newspapers.

The President pro tempore having signed the enrolled bills and enrolled joint resolution last reported to have been examined, they were delivered to the Secretary of the Senate and by him forthwith presented to the President of the Confederate States for his approval.

Mr. Graham, from the Joint Committee on Impressments, to whom was referred the bill (S. 36) to provide for the impressment of the railroad iron, equipments, and rolling stock of railroads when the same shall become necessary for the public defense, and to make further provisions for the efficient transportation of troops and military supplies, reported it with the recommendation that it ought not to pass.

The joint resolution (H. R. 10) of thanks to the Ninth Regiment of Texas Infantry was read the first and second times and referred to the Committee on Military Affairs.

The Senate proceeded to consider the amendments of the House of Representatives to the bill (S. 22) to secure the prompt printing of the laws of the Confederate States; and

Resolved, That they concur therein.

Ordered, That the Secretary inform the House of Representatives thereof.

The Senate proceeded, as in Committee of the Whole, to the consid-

eration of the bill (S. 51) to provide supplies for the Army and to prescribe the mode of making impressments.

On motion by Mr. Walker, to amend the bill by inserting after "section," section 2, line 5, the words

and from the additional impressments authorized by the fifth section of this act: *Provided, however,* That nothing herein contained shall be construed to repeal or affect the provisions of an act entitled "An act to authorize the impressment of meat for the use of the Army under certain circumstances," approved February seventeenth, eighteen hundred and sixty-four.

It was determined in the affirmative.

An amendment having been proposed by Mr. Barnwell,

After debate,

On motion by Mr. Semmes,

The Senate resolved into executive session.

The doors having been opened,

On motion by Mr. Haynes,

The Senate adjourned.

SECRET SESSION.

A message from the House of Representatives, by Mr. Dalton:

Mr. President: The House of Representatives have passed the bill of the Senate (S. 57) to provide for the appointment of officers with temporary rank and command.

The Speaker of the House of Representatives having signed an enrolled bill, I am directed to bring it to the Senate for the signature of their President.

Mr. Caperton, from the committee, reported that they had examined and found truly enrolled

A bill (S. 57) to provide for the appointment of officers with temporary rank and command.

The President pro tempore having signed the enrolled bill last reported to have been examined, it was delivered to the Secretary of the Senate and by him forthwith presented to the President of the Confederate States for his approval.

A message from the President of the Confederate States, by Mr. B. N. Harrison, his Secretary:

Mr. President: The President of the Confederate States has, to-day, approved and signed an act (S. 57) to provide for the appointment of officers with temporary rank and command.

Ordered, That the Secretary inform the House of Representatives thereof.

On motion by Mr. Caperton,

Ordered, That the injunction of secrecy be removed from the bill (S. 57) to provide for the appointment of officers with temporary rank and command.

On motion by Mr. Caperton,

The Senate resolved into open legislative session.

EXECUTIVE SESSION.

The following message was received from the President of the Confederate States, by Mr. B. N. Harrison, his Secretary:

RICHMOND, VA., May 30, 1864.

To the Senate of the Confederate States:

I invite your attention to the accompanying communication from the Secretary of the Navy, and, agreeably to his recommendation, hereby nominate the persons named

upon the annexed list to the offices designated, in the Provisional Navy. In addition to the annexed list there are officers of the Navy now on shore duty, who are deemed eminently qualified to command afloat, and it is not designed by these nominations to bar their future transfer to the Provisional Navy with their relative rank.

JEFFERSON DAVIS.

NAVY DEPARTMENT, CONFEDERATE STATES,

Richmond, May 25, 1864.

The President.

SIR: I have the honor to recommend the following nominations for appointment in the Provisional Navy under the act of Congress "to create a provisional navy," approved May 1, 1863:

Admiral.

Franklin Buchanan, of Maryland.

Captains.

(To rank from the 13th day of May, 1863.)

Samuel Barron, of Virginia; Raphael Semmes, of Alabama; John K. Mitchell, of Florida; Thomas J. Page, of Virginia, and Robert F. Pinkney, of Maryland.

Commanders.

(To rank from the 13th day of May, 1863.)

Thomas R. Rootes, of Virginia; Thomas T. Hunter, of Virginia; James W. Cooke, of North Carolina; Isaac N. Brown, of Mississippi; Robert B. Pegram, of Virginia; William L. Maury, of Virginia; John N. Maffitt, of North Carolina; Joseph N. Barney, of Maryland, and William A. Wirt, of Virginia.

Commanders.

(To rank from the 4th day of October, 1863.)

George W. Harrison, of Virginia, and James D. Johnston, of Kentucky.

First lieutenants.

(To rank from the 6th day of January, 1864.)

Washington Gwathmey, of Virginia; John Rutledge, of South Carolina; Joel S. Kennard, of Alabama; Charles M. Morris, of Georgia; John S. Maury, of North Carolina; Charles W. Hays, of Alabama; Charles C. Simms, of Virginia; Julian Myers, of Georgia; Alexander F. Warley, of South Carolina; John W. Bennett, of Maryland; Jonathan H. Carter, of North Carolina; William H. Parker, of Virginia; J. Pembroke Jones, of Virginia; William H. Murdaugh, of Virginia; John Mel. Kell, of Georgia; James H. Rochelle, of Virginia; Robert D. Minor, of Virginia; James I. Waddell, of North Carolina; Joseph Fry, of Florida; Charles P. McGary, of North Carolina; Hunter Davidson, of Virginia; Robert R. Carter, of Virginia; John R. Hamilton, of South Carolina; Oscar F. Johnston, of Tennessee; John R. Eggleston, of Mississippi; Robert T. Chapman, of Alabama; William P. A. Campbell, of Tennessee; Benjamin P. Loyall, of Virginia; William H. Ward, of Virginia; John W. Dunnington, of Kentucky; Francis E. Shepperd, of North Carolina; Thomas P. Pelot, of South Carolina; William G. Dozier, of South Carolina; William L. Bradford, of Alabama; Hamilton H. Dalton, of Mississippi; William E. Evans, of South Carolina; George S. Shryock, of Kentucky; Thomas K. Porter, of Tennessee; Joseph W. Alexander, of North Carolina; Charles J. Graves, of Georgia; Thomas B. Mills, of Louisiana; William C. Whittle, jr., of Virginia; William A. Kerr, of North Carolina; John Grimbail, of South Carolina; Wilburn B. Hall, of Georgia; Samuel W. Ayerett, of Virginia; Henry B. Claiborne, of Louisiana; George A. Borchert, of Georgia; Hilary Cenas, of Louisiana; Walter R. Butt, of Virginia; W. Warder Pollock, of Maryland; Arthur D. Wharton, of Tennessee; Thomas L. Dornin, of Virginia; Thomas L. Harrison, of Virginia; James L. Hoole, of Alabama; Francis L. Hoge, of Virginia; Edmund G. Read, of Virginia; Charles W. Read, of Mississippi; Sardine G. Stone, of Alabama; Alphonse Barbot, of Louisiana; Robert J. Bowen, of Mississippi; George W. Gift, of Tennessee; Thomas W. W. Davies, of Alabama; Patrick McCarrick, of Vir-

ginia; William F. Carter, of Virginia; William H. Wall, of Mississippi; William W. Carnes, of Tennessee; John H. Ingraham, of South Carolina; William Van Comstock, of Louisiana; Richard F. Armstrong, of Georgia; Albert G. Hudgins, of Virginia; Charles K. King, of Virginia; John H. Comstock, of Arkansas; Joseph D. Wilson, of Florida; Julian M. Spencer, of Maryland; James L. Johnson, of Mississippi; Sidney S. Lee, jr., of Virginia; Samuel Barron, jr., of Virginia; E. Canty Stockton, of South Carolina; James McC. Baker, of Florida; John W. Murdaugh, of Virginia; Mortimer M. Benton, of Kentucky; Charles L. Haralson, of Texas; Sidney H. McAdam, of Tennessee; Francis T. Chew, of Missouri; Alexander M. Mason, of District of Columbia; Thomas L. Moore, of North Carolina; Ivey Foreman, of North Carolina; Walter O. Crain, of Louisiana; Joseph Price, of North Carolina; Alexander Grant, of Louisiana; Charles E. Yeatman, of Virginia; Charles B. Oliver, of Virginia; Charles H. Hasker, of Virginia; Francis Watlington, of Florida; John L. Phillips, of Alabama; George H. Arledge, of Florida; Maxwell T. Clarke, of Virginia; John A. Payne, of Alabama; Henry W. Ray, of Louisiana; William E. Hudgins, of Virginia; John F. Ramsay, of England; H. Beverly Littlepage, of Virginia; Lewis R. Hill, of Virginia; Edward J. Means, of South Carolina; Henry Roberts, of Virginia; Richard H. Gayle, of Alabama; Robert C. Foute, of Tennessee; Francis M. Roby, of Mississippi; Henry H. Marmaduke, of Missouri; John Low, of Georgia; Arthur Sinclair, jr., of Virginia; William W. Roberts, of North Carolina; Edgar A. Lambert, of Virginia; Otey Bradford, of Virginia; Joseph M. Gardner, of Virginia; Matthew P. Goodwyn, of Virginia; Americus V. Wiatt, of Virginia, and Thomas L. Skinner, of Virginia.

First lieutenant.

(To rank from the 8th day of January, 1864.)

Clarence L. Stanton, of Kentucky.

Second lieutenants.

Joseph P. Claybrook, of Missouri; William P. Mason, of Virginia; William F. Robinson, of Alabama; John R. Price, of Alabama; David A. Tellair, of North Carolina; Daniel Trigg, of Virginia; Isaac C. Holcomb, of Georgia; William R. Dalton, of Mississippi; Algernon S. Worth, of Virginia; Robert A. Camm, of Virginia; Dabney M. Scales, of Mississippi; John T. Walker, of South Carolina; Samuel S. Gregory, of North Carolina; William W. Read, of Virginia; Richard H. Bacot, of South Carolina; Edward J. McDermott, of Texas; R. B. Larmour, of Maryland; Thomas P. Bell, of Virginia, and James W. Billups, of Virginia.

Masters, in the line of promotion.

Samuel P. Blanc, of Louisiana; Wyndam R. Mayo, of Virginia; Daniel D. Colcock, of South Carolina; William P. Hamilton, of South Carolina; James C. Long, of Tennessee; Henry L. Vaughan, of Louisiana; James M. Pearson, of Tennessee; Henry S. Cooke, of Virginia; Gale W. Sparks, of Louisiana, and William J. Craig, of Kentucky.

Paymasters.

Felix Senac, of Florida; James O. Moore, of North Carolina; Richard Taylor, of Virginia, and James E. Armour, of Alabama.

Assistant paymasters.

Douglas F. Forrest, of Virginia; Leslie E. Brooks, of Alabama; John S. Banks, of Florida; John J. McPherson, of South Carolina; M. M. Seay, of Tennessee; George H. O'Neal, of Florida; William B. Micon, of Virginia; Wilson G. Richardson, of Mississippi; Perry M. De Leon, of South Carolina; Adam Tredwell, of North Carolina; Edward McKean, of Louisiana; Dewitt C. Seymour, of Georgia; Simeon B. Reardon, of Arkansas; William H. Chase, of Georgia; H. E. McDuffie, of Louisiana; William M. Ladd, of Missouri; Sterling L. Barksdale, of Mississippi; Sidney S. Nicholas, of Virginia; Charles W. Keim, of Texas; William E. Deacon, of Louisiana; T. G. Ridgely, of Missouri; John M. Pearl, of Tennessee; Levi M. Tucker, of Kentucky; C. Lucian Jones, of Georgia; Willis B. Cobb, of Kentucky; John F. Wheless, of Tennessee; Marshall L. Sothoron, of Maryland; Marsden Bellamy, of North Carolina; Basil M. Heriot, of South Carolina, and Norton Kent Adams, of Alabama.

Surgeons.

J. W. B. Greenhow, of Georgia; William D. Harrison, of Virginia; William F. Carrington, of Virginia; Charles H. Williamson, of Virginia; Arthur M. Lynah, of South Carolina; Daniel B. Conrad, of Virginia; Francis L. Galt, of Georgia; William M. Page, of Virginia; H. W. M. Washington, of Virginia, and Algernon S. Garnett, of Virginia.

Passed assistant surgeons.

Frederic Garretson, of Virginia; J. W. Sandford, of North Carolina; Thomas J. Charlton, of Georgia; Charles E. Lining, of South Carolina; Marcellus P. Christian, of Virginia; Robert J. Freeman, of Virginia; Bennett W. Green, of Virginia; James W. Herty, of Georgia; James E. Lindsay, of North Carolina, and Osborn S. Tglehart, of Maryland.

Assistant surgeons.

Charles M. Morfit, of Maryland; T. Bartow Ford, of Georgia; R. R. Gibbes, of South Carolina; Edwin G. Booth, of Virginia; Thomas Emory, of Maryland; William Mason Turner, of Virginia; John De Bree, of Virginia; Marcellus Ford, of Virginia; W. W. Graves, of North Carolina; W. J. Addison, of Maryland; N. C. Edmunds, of Virginia; S. S. Herrick, of Mississippi; N. M. Read, of Maryland; John Leyburn, of Texas; Robert C. Powell, of Kentucky; R. C. Bowles, of Kentucky; John P. Lipsecomb, of North Carolina; William C. Jones, of Arkansas; William Sheppardson, of Alabama; C. M. Parker, of Mississippi; C. Wesley Thomas, of Kentucky; Henry B. Melyin, of District of Columbia; William S. Stoakley, of North Carolina; William W. Griggs, of North Carolina; Joseph S. Tipton, of Georgia; George B. Weston, of South Carolina; George N. Halstead, of Arkansas; James V. Cook, of Louisiana; James O. Grant, of Kentucky; Pike Brown, of South Carolina; Henry G. Land, of Texas; G. W. Claiborne, of North Carolina; James M. Hicks, of Mississippi; Joel G. King, of North Carolina; Daniel E. Ewart, of South Carolina; Edward Caire, of Louisiana; Jephtha V. Harris, of Mississippi; Luther R. Dickinson, of Missouri; John B. Rutherford, of Mississippi; George A. Foote, of North Carolina; Nathaniel K. Henderson, of Florida; James W. Belvin, of Arkansas; Watkins L. Warren, of North Carolina; Robert Kuykendall, of South Carolina; James G. Thomas, of North Carolina; Walter E. Bondurant, of Mississippi; James E. Moyler, of Arkansas; Frederick Peck, of Alabama; Hugh S. Paisley, of Alabama; John E. Duffel, of Louisiana; James G. Boxley, of Georgia, and Edmund Goldsborough, of Maryland.

Chief engineers.

(To rank from the 4th day of October, 1863.)

Michael Quinn, of Virginia, and J. Charles Schroeder, of Virginia.

I am, respectfully, your obedient servant,

S. R. MALLORY,

Secretary of the Navy.

The message was read.

Ordered, That it be referred to the Committee on Naval Affairs.

RICHMOND, May 30, 1864.

To the Senate of the Confederate States:

Agreeably to the recommendation of the Secretary of the Navy, I hereby nominate the persons named upon the annexed list to the offices designated.

JEFFERSON DAVIS.

NAVY DEPARTMENT, Richmond, May 30, 1864.

THE PRESIDENT.

SIR: I have the honor to recommend the following nominations for appointment in the Provisional Navy in addition to those recommended in my letter of the 25th instant:

Second lieutenant.

Richard S. Floyd, of Tennessee, to rank next after Joseph P. Claybrook.

Master, in the line of promotion.

George D. Bryan, of South Carolina, to rank next after Samuel P. Blanc.
I am, respectfully, your obedient servant,

S. R. MALLORY,
Secretary of the Navy.

The message was read.

Ordered, That it be referred to the Committee on Naval Affairs.

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT, *Richmond, May 31, 1864.*

To the Senate of the Confederate States:

Agreeably to the recommendation of the Secretary of War, I nominate the officers in the accompanying list to be adjutants, with the rank of first lieutenants, in the Provisional Army of the Confederate States of America.

JEFFERSON DAVIS.

No. 26.]

WAR DEPARTMENT, *Richmond, May 30, 1864.*

SIR: I have the honor to recommend the following nominations for appointment in the Provisional Army of the Confederate States of America:

Adjutants—first lieutenants.

William M. Cravens, of Arkansas, to be adjutant Twenty-first Arkansas Regiment, to rank from February 19, 1864.

John L. Hammond, of Georgia, to be adjutant Sixty-third Georgia Regiment, vice Lieutenant Mallory, resigned, to rank from May 6, 1864.

W. J. Van de Graaff, of Mississippi, to be adjutant Thirty-first Mississippi Regiment, to rank from February 19, 1864.

J. L. Lockwood, of Alabama, to be adjutant Twenty-second Alabama Regiment, vice Lieutenant Smith, resigned, to rank from May 4, 1864.

John W. Johnson, of Mississippi, to be adjutant First Mississippi Cavalry Regiment, vice Lieutenant Beasley, killed, to rank from May 4, 1864.

David L. Sweatman, of Mississippi, to be adjutant Twenty-ninth Mississippi Regiment, vice Lieutenant Campbell, died, to rank from May 6, 1864.

George W. Orton, of Arkansas, to be adjutant Seventeenth Arkansas Regiment, vice Lieutenant Brown, declined, to rank from February 19, 1864.

W. W. Zimmerman, of Virginia, to be adjutant Seventeenth Virginia Regiment, vice Lieutenant Bryant, promoted, to rank from May 4, 1864.

I am, sir, respectfully, your obedient servant,

JAMES A. SEDDON,
Secretary of War.

To His Excellency JEFFERSON DAVIS,
President, etc.

The message was read.

Ordered, That it be referred to the Committee on Military Affairs.

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT, *Richmond, May 31, 1864.*

To the Senate of the Confederate States:

Agreeably to the recommendation of the Secretary of War, I nominate the officers on the accompanying list to the rank affixed to their names, respectively.

JEFFERSON DAVIS.

No. 24.]

WAR DEPARTMENT, *Richmond, May 30, 1864.*

SIR: I have the honor to recommend the following nominations for appointment in the Provisional Army of the Confederate States of America:

Aids-de-camp—first lieutenants.

W. Perrin Kemp, of Virginia, to take rank from May 24, 1864.

J. L. Bostick, of Tennessee, to take rank from February 19, 1864.

William H. Hardy, of Tennessee, to take rank from April 1, 1864.

I am, sir, respectfully, your obedient servant,

JAMES A. SEDDON,
Secretary of War.

To His Excellency JEFFERSON DAVIS,
President, etc.

The message was read.

Ordered, That it be referred to the Committee on Military Affairs.

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT, *Richmond, May 31, 1864.*

To the Senate of the Confederate States:

Agreeably to the recommendation of the Secretary of War, I nominate the officers on the accompanying list to the rank affixed to their names, respectively.

JEFFERSON DAVIS.

No. 15.]

WAR DEPARTMENT, *Richmond, May 9, 1864.*

SIR: I have the honor to recommend the following nominations for appointment in the Provisional Army of the Confederate States of America:

Colonels.

W. G. Swanson, of Alabama, to be colonel Sixty-first Alabama Regiment (formed of independent companies), to rank from April 11, 1864.

Robert White, of Virginia, to be colonel Twenty-third Virginia Cavalry Regiment (his battalion (Forty-first Virginia) being increased), to rank from April 28, 1864.

O. M. Dantzer, of South Carolina, to be colonel Twenty-second South Carolina Regiment, the officers entitled to promotion waiving their claims, to rank from April 29, 1864.

Lieutenant-colonels.

J. McAnerney, of Alabama, to be lieutenant-colonel Third Battalion Forces Local Defense, Richmond, Va. (battalion being increased), to rank from April 20, 1864.

C. T. O'Ferrall, of Virginia, to be lieutenant-colonel Twenty-third Virginia Regiment Cavalry (battalion being increased), to rank from April 28, 1864.

Majors.

N. Stallworth, of Alabama, to be major Twenty-third Alabama Battalion Sharpshooters, to rank from March 14, 1864.

F. H. Calmese, of Virginia, to be major Twenty-third Virginia Regiment Cavalry (battalion being increased), to rank from April 28, 1864.

Captains.

R. C. M. Sale, of Virginia, to be captain Company I, Fourth Virginia Artillery, the officers entitled to promotion waiving their claims, to rank from February 19, 1864.

A. L. De Rosset, of North Carolina, to be captain Company B, Second North Carolina Battalion, Troops Local Defense, the officers entitled to promotion waiving their claims, to rank from February 19, 1864.

J. R. S. Gilliland, of North Carolina, to be captain Company D, Sixtieth North Carolina Regiment, the officers entitled to promotion waiving their claims, to rank from February 19, 1864.

First lieutenants.

C. Carrington, of Virginia, to be first lieutenant Company H, Third Virginia Cavalry Regiment, the officers entitled to promotion having declined to appear before an examining board, to rank from February 19, 1864.

Charles D. Lee, of Virginia, to be first lieutenant Company I, Fifty-seventh Virginia Regiment, the officers entitled to promotion found incompetent, to rank from February 19, 1864.

Second lieutenants.

Wensley Hobby, of Georgia, to be second lieutenant Company D, Fifty-fourth Georgia Regiment, the officer elected found incompetent, to rank from March 24, 1864.

Robert L. Cooper, of South Carolina, to be second lieutenant, First South Carolina Artillery Regiment, to rank from March 7, 1864.

T. M. S. Rhett, of South Carolina, to be second lieutenant, First South Carolina Regiment (enlisted men), to rank from March 10, 1864.

George M. Stoney, of South Carolina, to be second lieutenant, First South Carolina Regiment (enlisted men), to rank from March 8, 1864.

T. A. Quattlebaum, of South Carolina, to be second lieutenant, First South Carolina Regiment (enlisted men), to rank from March 9, 1864.

L. Bowie, of South Carolina, to be second lieutenant, First South Carolina Artillery Battalion, to rank from March 15, 1864.

E. S. Ogden, of Louisiana, to be second lieutenant, First Louisiana Artillery Regiment, to rank from April 19, 1864.

Robert M. Scott, of Louisiana, to be second lieutenant, First Louisiana Artillery Regiment, to rank from April 20, 1864.

John D. McIntyre, of Louisiana, to be second lieutenant, First Louisiana Artillery Regiment, to rank from April 21, 1864.

E. J. O'Brien, of Louisiana, to be second lieutenant, First Louisiana Artillery Regiment, to rank from April 22, 1864.

S. P. Norris, of Georgia, to be second lieutenant Company B, First Georgia Battalion Sharpshooters, to rank from April 21, 1864.

I am, sir, respectfully, your obedient servant,

JAMES A. SEDDON,
Secretary of War.

To His Excellency JEFFERSON DAVIS,
President, &c.

The message was read.

Ordered, That it be referred to the Committee on Military Affairs.

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT, *Richmond, May 31, 1864.*

To the Senate of the Confederate States:

Agreeably to the recommendation of the Secretary of War, I nominate Maj. D. E. Scruggs, of ———, to be lieutenant-colonel Second Battalion Forces Local Defense, Richmond, Va., in the Provisional Army of the Confederate States of America.

JEFFERSON DAVIS.

WAR DEPARTMENT, *Richmond, May 28, 1864.*

SIR: I have the honor to recommend the nomination of Maj. D. E. Scruggs, of ———, to be lieutenant-colonel Second Battalion Forces Local Defense, Richmond, Va., in the Provisional Army of the Confederate States of America (the battalion having been increased to seven companies).

I am, sir, respectfully, your obedient servant,

JAMES A. SEDDON,
Secretary of War.

To His Excellency JEFFERSON DAVIS,
President, &c.

The message was read.

Ordered, That it be referred to the Committee on Military Affairs.

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT, *Richmond, May 30, 1864.*

To the Senate of the Confederate States:

Agreeably to the recommendation of the Secretary of War, I nominate the officers on the accompanying list to the rank affixed to their names, respectively.

JEFFERSON DAVIS.

No. 25.]

WAR DEPARTMENT, *Richmond, May 30, 1864.*

SIR: I have the honor to recommend the following nominations for appointment in the Provisional Army of the Confederate States of America:

Brigadier-generals.

Col. James Conner, of South Carolina, to be a brigadier-general, under act approved October 13, 1862, report to Gen. R. E. Lee for duty, to rank from date of confirmation.

Lieut. Col. Rufus Barringer, of North Carolina, to be a brigadier-general, report to Gen. R. E. Lee for duty, to rank from date of confirmation.

I am, sir, respectfully, your obedient servant,

JAMES A. SEDDON,
Secretary of War.

To His Excellency JEFFERSON DAVIS,
President, &c.

The message was read.

Ordered, That it be referred to the Committee on Military Affairs.

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT, *Richmond, May 31, 1864.**To the Senate of the Confederate States:*

Agreeably to the recommendation of the Secretary of War, I nominate Stephen Chalaron, of Louisiana, to be first lieutenant, Niter and Mining Corps, in the Provisional Army of the Confederate States of America.

JEFFERSON DAVIS.

WAR DEPARTMENT, *Richmond, May 30, 1864.*

SIR: I have the honor to recommend the nomination of Stephen Chalaron, of Louisiana, to be first lieutenant, Niter and Mining Corps, in the Provisional Army of the Confederate States of America, vice Lieut. E. F. Smith, resigned, to rank from May 2, 1864.

I am, sir, respectfully, your obedient servant,

JAMES A. SEDDON,
Secretary of War.

To His Excellency JEFFERSON DAVIS,
President, etc.

The message was read.

Ordered, That it be referred to the Committee on Military Affairs.

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT, *Richmond, May 31, 1864.**To the Senate of the Confederate States:*

Agreeably to the recommendation of the Secretary of War, I nominate Isham Harrison, of Mississippi, to be colonel Sixth Mississippi Cavalry Regiment, in the Provisional Army of the Confederate States of America.

JEFFERSON DAVIS.

WAR DEPARTMENT, *Richmond, May 28, 1864.*

SIR: I have the honor to recommend the nomination of Isham Harrison, of Mississippi, to be colonel Sixth Mississippi Cavalry Regiment, in the Provisional Army of the Confederate States of America (this regiment having been formed, by order of Maj. Gen. S. D. Lee, of independent companies), to rank from December 24, 1863.

I am, sir, respectfully, your obedient servant,

JAMES A. SEDDON,
Secretary of War.

To His Excellency JEFFERSON DAVIS,
President, etc.

The message was read.

Ordered, That it be referred to the Committee on Military Affairs.

The following messages were received from the President of the Confederate States, by Mr. B. N. Harrison, his Secretary:

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT, *Richmond, May 31, 1864.**To the Senate of the Confederate States:*

Agreeably to the recommendation of the Secretary of War, I nominate Maj. Gen. J. A. Early, of Virginia, to temporary rank of lieutenant-general in the Provisional Army of the Confederate States of America, under act approved May 30, 1864.

JEFFERSON DAVIS.

WAR DEPARTMENT, *Richmond, May 31, 1864.*

SIR: I have the honor to recommend the nomination of Maj. Gen. J. A. Early, of Virginia, to temporary rank of lieutenant-general in the Provisional Army of the Confederate States of America, under act approved May 30, 1864 (to command Ewell's Corps), to date from confirmation.

I am, sir, respectfully, your obedient servant,

JAMES A. SEDDON,
Secretary of War.

To His Excellency JEFFERSON DAVIS,
President, etc.

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT, *Richmond, [May 31,] 1864.**To the Senate of the Confederate States:*

Agreeably to the recommendation of the Secretary of War, I nominate Col. James B. Terrill, of Virginia, to temporary rank of brigadier-general in the Provisional Army of the Confederate States, under act approved May 30, 1864.

JEFFERSON DAVIS.

WAR DEPARTMENT, *Richmond, May 31, 1864.*

SIR: I have the honor to recommend the nomination of Col. James B. Terrill, of Virginia, to temporary rank of brigadier-general in the Provisional Army of the Confederate States of America, under act approved May 30, 1864 (to command Pegram's brigade, Army of Northern Virginia), to date from confirmation.

I am, sir, respectfully, your obedient servant,

JAMES A. SEDDON,
Secretary of War.

To His Excellency JEFFERSON DAVIS,
President, &c.

The messages were read.

The Senate proceeded to consider the nomination of J. A. Early, to temporary rank of lieutenant-general, under act approved May 30, 1864, and of James B. Terrill, to temporary rank of brigadier-general, under act approved May 30, 1864; and

Resolved, That the Senate advise and consent to their appointment, agreeably to the nominations of the President.

Mr. Brown, from the Committee on Naval Affairs, to whom was referred the nomination of Everard T. Eggleston, to be second lieutenant in the Marine Corps, reported, with a recommendation that said nomination be confirmed.

The Senate proceeded to the consideration of said report; and in concurrence therewith, it was

Resolved, That the Senate advise and consent to his appointment, agreeably to the nomination of the President.

Mr. Hill, from the Committee on the Judiciary, to whom was referred the nomination of James H. Patterson, to be district attorney of the Confederate States for the eastern district of Arkansas, reported, with the recommendation that said nomination be confirmed.

The Senate proceeded to the consideration of said report; and in concurrence therewith, it was

Resolved, That the Senate advise and consent to his appointment, agreeably to the nomination of the President.

On motion by Mr. Semmes,

The Senate resolved into open legislative session.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 1, 1864.

OPEN SESSION.

On motion by Mr. Jemison,

Ordered, That the bill (S. 47) to facilitate the settlement of the claims of deceased soldiers be referred to the Committee on Claims.

A message from the House of Representatives, by Mr. Dalton:

Mr. President: The House of Representatives have passed Senate bills of the following titles:

S. 23. An act to provide for the appointment of additional military storekeepers in the Provisional Army of the Confederate States; and

S. 24. An act to authorize the appointment of additional officers of artillery for ordnance duties.

And they have passed Senate bills of the following titles, with amendments; in which they request the concurrence of the Senate:

S. 15. An act to furnish transportation to officers of the Army and Navy while traveling under orders;

S. 31. An act to promote the efficiency of the cavalry of the Provisional Army, and to punish lawlessness and irregularities of any portions thereof;

S. 33. An act to regulate the compensation and mileage of members of Congress for the present session;

S. 34. An act to provide for the compensation of noncommissioned officers, soldiers, sailors, and marines on detailed service; and

S. 43. An act to regulate the pay of a general assigned to duty at the seat of government under the provisions of the act approved March 25, 1862.

The House of Representatives have passed a bill (H. R. 135) to increase the compensation of the assistant clerks in the Senate and House of Representatives; in which they request the concurrence of the Senate.

On motion by Mr. Sparrow,

Ordered, That the message of the President of the Confederate States of the 30th [28th] of May, 1864, stating his objections to the act passed at the last session of Congress entitled "An act to provide and organize a general staff for armies in the field, to serve during the war," be referred to the Committee on Military Affairs.

Mr. Semmes (by leave) introduced

A bill (S. 59) to authorize the owners of the registered eight per cent ten-year convertible bonds issued under the provisions of the act approved 16th May, 1864, to exchange the same for coupon bonds; which was read the first and second times and referred to the Committee on Finance.

Mr. Semmes (by leave) introduced

A bill (S. 60) to amend an act entitled "An act to prohibit the importation of luxuries, or of articles not necessities or of common use," approved February 6, 1864; which was read the first and second times and referred to the Committee on Commerce.

Mr. Watson (by leave) introduced

A bill (S. 61) to amend an act entitled "An act to organize military courts to attend the Army of the Confederate States in the field, and to define the powers of said courts;" which was read the first and second times and referred to the Committee on Military Affairs.

On motion by Mr. Graham,

Ordered, That the Hon. William T. Dortch have leave of absence from the sessions of the Senate until Tuesday next.

Mr. Sparrow, from the Committee on Military Affairs, to whom was referred the joint resolution (H. R. 10) of thanks to the Ninth Regiment of Texas Infantry, reported it without amendment.

The Senate proceeded, as in Committee of the Whole, to the consideration of the said resolution; and no amendment being proposed, it was reported to the Senate.

Ordered, That it pass to a third reading.

The said resolution was read the third time.

Resolved, That it pass.

Ordered, That the Secretary inform the House of Representatives thereof.

Mr. Sparrow, from the Committee on Military Affairs, to whom was referred the bill (S. 55) to authorize the formation of new commands, to be composed of supernumerary officers who may resign to join such commands, and to limit and restrict the appointment of officers in certain cases, reported it without amendment.

The Senate proceeded, as in Committee of the Whole, to the consideration of the said bill.

On motion by Mr. Orr, to amend the bill by inserting after "organizations," section 2, line 3, the words "or any other company in the Confederate service which does not exceed the maximum prescribed by law,"

It was determined in the affirmative.

No further amendment being made, the bill was reported to the Senate and the amendment was concurred in.

Ordered, That the bill be engrossed and read a third time.

The said bill was read the third time.

Resolved, That it pass, and that the title thereof be as aforesaid.

Ordered, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the House of Representatives therein.

On motion by Mr. Brown,

Ordered, That the Committee on Naval Affairs be discharged from the further consideration of the report of the Secretary of the Navy of the 2d of May last.

Mr. Brown, from the Committee on Naval Affairs, reported

A bill (S. 62) to amend an act entitled "An act to create a provisional navy of the Confederate States," approved May 1, 1863; which was read the first and second times and considered as in Committee of the Whole; and no amendment being proposed, it was reported to the Senate.

Ordered, That it be engrossed and read a third time.

The said bill was read the third time.

Resolved, That it pass, and that the title thereof be as aforesaid.

Ordered, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the House of Representatives therein.

Mr. Mitchel, from the Committee on Post-Offices and Post-Roads, to whom was referred the bill (H. R. 125) to establish certain post routes therein named, reported it with an amendment.

The Senate proceeded, as in Committee of the Whole, to the consideration of the said bill; and the reported amendment having been agreed to, the bill was reported to the Senate and the amendment was concurred in.

Ordered, That the amendment be engrossed and the bill read a third time.

The said bill as amended was read the third time.

Resolved, That it pass with an amendment.

Ordered, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the House of Representatives in the amendment.

Mr. Burnett, from the Committee on Claims, to whom was referred the petition of Margaret A. Rice, reported

A bill (S. 63) for the relief of Mrs. Margaret A. Rice; which was read the first and second times and considered as in Committee of the Whole; and no amendment being proposed, it was reported to the Senate.

Ordered, That it be engrossed and read a third time.

The said bill was read the third time.

Resolved, That it pass, and that the title thereof be as aforesaid.

Ordered, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the House of Representatives therein.

Mr. Watson presented the memorial of Theodorick C. Lyon, formerly a commissioned officer in the Provisional Army of the Confederate States, and cashiered for the utterance in August, 1863, at

Columbus, Miss., of a political paper known as "the Thompson letter," praying for a redress of grievance; which was referred to the Committee on Military Affairs.

On motion by Mr. Orr,

Ordered, That the message of the President of the Confederate States of the 15th of February last, transmitting copies of the charges and specifications, and of the accompanying papers, in the case of Maj. H. C. Guerin, commissary of subsistence, be taken from the files of the Senate and referred to the Committee on Military Affairs.

The bill (H. R. 135) to increase the compensation of the assistant clerks in the Senate and House of Representatives was read the first and second times and referred to the Committee on Finance.

The Senate proceeded to consider the amendments of the House of Representatives to the bill (S. 33) to regulate the compensation and mileage of members of Congress for the present session; and

Resolved, That they concur therein.

Ordered, That the Secretary inform the House of Representatives thereof.

The Senate proceeded to consider the amendments of the House of Representatives to the bill (S. 15) to furnish transportation to officers of the Army and Navy while traveling under orders; and

Resolved, That they concur therein.

Ordered, That the Secretary inform the House of Representatives thereof.

The Senate proceeded to consider the amendment of the House of Representatives to the bill (S. 31) to promote the efficiency of the cavalry of the Provisional Army, and to punish lawlessness and irregularities of any portions thereof; and

Ordered, That it be referred to the Committee on Military Affairs.

The Senate proceeded to consider the amendments of the House of Representatives to the bill (S. 34) to provide for the compensation of noncommissioned officers, soldiers, sailors, and marines on detailed service; and

Ordered, That they be referred to the Committee on Military Affairs.

The Senate proceeded to consider the amendments of the House of Representatives to the bill (S. 43) to regulate the pay of a general assigned to duty at the seat of government under the provisions of the act approved March 25, 1862; and

Ordered, That they be referred to the Committee on Military Affairs.

The Senate resumed, as in Committee of the Whole, the consideration of the bill (S. 51) to provide supplies for the Army and to prescribe the mode of making impressments.

On motion by Mr. Watson, to amend the bill by inserting at the end of the sixth section the following proviso:

Provided, That this prohibition shall not be applicable to any district, county, or parish in which there shall be no officer or agent charged with the assessment and collection of the tax in kind,

It was determined in the affirmative.

On motion by Mr. Semmes, to amend the bill by inserting the following independent section:

Sec. —. That in every case where a white person, the head of a family, and the owner of no slaves or not more than one able-bodied male slave, is solely engaged in the occupation of raising neat cattle, and is exclusively dependent on said cattle for

the support of his or her family, the neat cattle of such person, to the extent of fifty head, shall be exempt from the contribution and impressments authorized by this act,

It was determined in the negative.

On motion by Mr. Hill, to amend the bill by striking out all of the sixth section after "confided," in the second line, and inserting:

to the officers and agents charged, in the several districts, with the assessment and collection of the tax in kind and of the contribution herein required; and no other person, officer or soldier, shall make impressment except in cases of absolute and pressing necessity, and when subsistence or forage can not be otherwise procured, which necessity shall be determined alone by the officer in immediate command; and the impressment shall be made on the written order of such officer in command, who shall make a written report to the Secretary of War of the necessity and the extent of the impressment,

It was determined in the negative.

On motion by Mr. Semmes, to amend the bill by inserting at the end of the first section the words

except that payment for cotton and tobacco shall be made by the agents of the Treasury Department appointed to receive the same,

It was determined in the affirmative.

On motion by Mr. Barnwell, to amend the bill by striking out the sixth section, as follows:

SEC. 6. The right and the duty of making impressments is hereby confided exclusively to the officers and agents charged, in the several districts, with the assessment and collection of the tax in kind and of the contribution herein required; and all officers and soldiers in any department of the Army are hereby expressly prohibited from undertaking in any manner to interfere with these officers and agents in any part of their duties, in respect to the tax in kind, the contribution, or the impressments herein provided for: *Provided*, That this prohibition shall not be applicable to any district, county, or parish in which there shall be no officer or agent charged with the assessment and collection of the tax in kind,

It was determined in the negative.	Yea	9
	Nay	12

On motion by Mr. Orr,

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present, Those who voted in the affirmative are,

Messrs. Barnwell, Burnett, Dortch, Henry, Hill, Johnson of Georgia, Maxwell, Semmes, and Sparrow.

Those who voted in the negative are,

Messrs. Baker, Caperton, Graham, Haynes, Hunter, Jemison, Johnson of Arkansas, Johnson of Missouri, Mitchel, Orr, Walker, and Watson.

On motion by Mr. Jemison, to amend the bill by inserting after "quartermaster's," section 7, line 8, the words "for the tax in kind,"

It was determined in the affirmative.

On motion by Mr. Jemison, to amend the bill by inserting the following independent section:

SEC. —. That it shall not be lawful to impress any sheep, milch cows, brood mares, stud-horses, jacks, bulls, or other stock kept or necessary for raising horses, mules, or cattle,

It was determined in the affirmative.

No further amendment being made, the bill was reported to the Senate and the amendments were concurred in.

Ordered, That the bill be engrossed and read a third time.

The said bill was read the third time.

On the question,

Shall the bill now pass?

It was determined in the affirmative, { Yeas ----- 10
 { Nays ----- 7

On motion by Mr. Henry,

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present,
 Those who voted in the affirmative are,

Messrs. Caperton, Graham, Haynes, Jemison, Johnson of Arkansas,
 Johnson of Missouri, Mitchel, Orr, Walker, and Watson.

Those who voted in the negative are,

Messrs. Baker, Burnett, Henry, Hunter, Maxwell, Semmes, and
 Sparrow.

So it was

Resolved, That this bill pass, and that the title thereof be as afore-
 said.

Ordered, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the House
 of Representatives therein.

On motion by Mr. Orr, that the vote on passing the bill (S. 51) to
 provide supplies for the Army and to prescribe the mode of making
 impressments be reconsidered,

It was determined in the negative, { Yeas ----- 9
 { Nays ----- 10

On motion by Mr. Henry,

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present,
 Those who voted in the affirmative are,

Messrs. Baker, Burnett, Dortch, Henry, Hunter, Johnson of
 Georgia, Maxwell, Semmes, and Sparrow.

Those who voted in the negative are,

Messrs. Caperton, Graham, Haynes, Jemison, Johnson of Arkansas,
 Johnson of Missouri, Mitchel, Orr, Walker, and Watson.

So the Senate refused to reconsider the vote on passing the said bill.

On motion by Mr. Burnett,

The Senate resolved into executive session.

The doors having been opened,

The following message was received from the House of Representa-
 tives, by Mr. Dalton:

Mr. President: The House of Representatives have passed bills of the following
 titles; in which they request the concurrence of the Senate:

H. R. 90. An act to authorize the President to confer temporary rank and com-
 mand upon officers of the Provisional Army who may be assigned for special service;
 and

H. R. 134. An act to amend an act entitled "An act to establish a niter and
 mining bureau," approved April 22, 1863.

The bills (H. R. 90 and H. R. 134) last mentioned were severally
 read the first and second times and referred to the Committee on
 Military Affairs.

The Senate proceeded, as in Committee of the Whole, to the consid-
 eration of the bill (S. 58) to authorize the appointment of quartermas-
 ters and assistant quartermasters and commissaries and assistant
 commissaries in the Provisional Army in certain cases.

On motion by Mr. Mitchel, to amend the bill by inserting after
 "can," section 3, line 5, the words

in the opinion of the Quartermaster or Commissary General, subject to the discre-
 tion of the Secretary of War,

It was determined in the affirmative.

No further amendment being proposed, the bill was reported to the Senate and the amendment was concurred in.

Ordered, That the bill be engrossed and read a third time.

The said bill was read the third time.

Resolved, That it pass, and that the title thereof be as aforesaid.

Ordered, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the House of Representatives therein.

On motion by Mr. Semmes,

The Senate adjourned.

SECRET SESSION.

A message from the House of Representatives, by Mr. Dalton:

Mr. President: The House of Representatives have passed a bill (H. R. 133) making appropriations for the redemption of the seven per cent foreign loan authorized by act of Congress approved January 29, 1863; in which they request the concurrence of the Senate.

The bill (H. R. 133) last mentioned was read the first and second times and referred to the Committee on Finance.

On motion by Mr. Orr,

The Senate resolved into open legislative session.

EXECUTIVE SESSION.

The following messages were received from the President of the Confederate States, by Mr. B. N. Harrison, his Secretary:

CONFEDERATE STATES OF AMERICA, EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT,
Richmond, June 1, 1864.

To the Senate of the Confederate States:

Agreeably to the recommendation of the Secretary of War, I nominate the officers on the accompanying list to the rank affixed to their names, respectively.

JEFFERSON DAVIS.

No. 21.] CONFEDERATE STATES OF AMERICA, WAR DEPARTMENT,
Richmond, May 26, 1864.

SIR: I have the honor to recommend the following nominations for appointment in the Provisional Army of the Confederate States of America:

Quartermaster—major.

T. H. Williams, of Georgia, to take rank from April 28, 1864.

Assistant quartermasters—captains.

Frank Lumpkin, of Georgia, to take rank from April 30, 1864.

J. J. Flournoy, of Mississippi, to take rank from April 11, 1864.

R. J. Lee, of Texas, to take rank from February 19, 1864.

I am, sir, respectfully, your obedient servant,

J. A. SEDDON,
Secretary of War.

To His Excellency JEFFERSON DAVIS,
President, &c.

The message was read.

Ordered, That it be referred to the Committee on Military Affairs.

CONFEDERATE STATES OF AMERICA, EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT,
Richmond, June 1, 1864.

To the Senate of the Confederate States:

Agreeably to the recommendation of the Secretary of War, I nominate Brig. Gen. J. B. Kershaw, of South Carolina, to be a major-general in the Provisional Army of the Confederate States of America.

JEFFERSON DAVIS.

CONFEDERATE STATES OF AMERICA, WAR DEPARTMENT,
Richmond, June 1, 1864.

SIR: I have the honor to recommend the nomination of Brig. Gen. J. B. Kershaw, of South Carolina, to be a major-general in the Provisional Army of the Confederate States of America (to command McLaws' division, Army of Northern Virginia), to rank from May 18, 1864.

I am, sir, respectfully, your obedient servant,

JAMES A. SEDDON,
Secretary of War.

To His Excellency JEFFERSON DAVIS,
President, &c.

The message was read.

Ordered, That it be referred to the Committee on Military Affairs.

The following messages were received from the President of the Confederate States, by Mr. B. N. Harrison, his Secretary:

CONFEDERATE STATES OF AMERICA, EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT,
Richmond, June 1, 1864.

To the Senate of the Confederate States:

Agreeably to the recommendation of the Secretary of War, I nominate Brig. Gen. William Mahone, of Virginia, to temporary rank of major-general in the Provisional Army of the Confederate States of America, under act approved May 30, 1864.

JEFFERSON DAVIS.

CONFEDERATE STATES OF AMERICA, WAR DEPARTMENT,
Richmond, June 1, 1864.

SIR: I have the honor to recommend the nomination of Brig. Gen. William Mahone, of Virginia, to temporary rank of major-general in the Provisional Army of the Confederate States of America, under act approved May 30, 1864 (to command Anderson's division, Army of Northern Virginia), to date from confirmation.

I am, sir, respectfully, your obedient servant,

JAMES A. SEDDON,
Secretary of War.

To His Excellency JEFFERSON DAVIS,
President, &c.

RICHMOND, VA., May 31, 1864.

To the Senate of the Confederate States:

Agreeably to the recommendation of the Secretary of War, I hereby nominate Brig. Gen. S. D. Ramseur, to be major-general, with temporary rank, in the Provisional Army of the Confederate States.

JEFFERSON DAVIS.

CONFEDERATE STATES OF AMERICA, WAR DEPARTMENT,
Richmond, May 31, 1864.

SIR: I have the honor to recommend the nomination of Brig. Gen. S. D. Ramseur, of North Carolina, to temporary rank of major-general in the Provisional Army of the Confederate States of America, under act approved May 30, 1864 (to command Early's division, Army of Northern Virginia), to date from confirmation.

I am, sir, respectfully, your obedient servant,

JAMES A. SEDDON,
Secretary of War.

To His Excellency JEFFERSON DAVIS,
President, &c.

CONFEDERATE STATES OF AMERICA, EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT,
Richmond, May 31, 1864.

To the Senate of the Confederate States:

Agreeably to the recommendation of the Secretary of War, I nominate Maj. Gen. R. H. Anderson, of South Carolina, to be a lieutenant-general in the Provisional Army, with temporary rank, for the command of a corps in the Army of Northern Virginia, to date from May 31, 1864.

JEFFERSON DAVIS.

CONFEDERATE STATES OF AMERICA, WAR DEPARTMENT,
Richmond, May 31, 1864.

SIR: I have the honor to recommend the nomination of Maj. Gen. R. H. Anderson, of South Carolina, to be lieutenant-general, with temporary rank, for the command of a corps in the Army of Northern Virginia, in the Provisional Army of the Confederate States of America, to date from May 31, 1864.

I am, sir, respectfully, your obedient servant,

JAMES A. SEDDON,
Secretary of War.

To His Excellency JEFFERSON DAVIS,
President, &c.

The Senate proceeded to the consideration of the nominations of Brig. Gen. William Mahone, of Virginia, to temporary rank of major-general in the Provisional Army of the Confederate States of America (to command Anderson's division, Army of Northern Virginia), to date from confirmation; Brig. Gen. S. D. Ramseur, of North Carolina, to temporary rank of major-general in the Provisional Army of the Confederate States of America (to command Early's division, Army of Northern Virginia), to date from confirmation; Maj. Gen. R. H. Anderson, of South Carolina, to be lieutenant-general, with temporary rank, for the command of a corps in the Army of Northern Virginia, in the Provisional Army of the Confederate States of America, to rank from May 31, 1864, under act approved May 31, 1864; and

Resolved. That the Senate advise and consent to their appointment, agreeably to the nomination of the President.

The following message was received from the President of the Confederate States, by Mr. B. N. Harrison, his Secretary:

CONFEDERATE STATES OF AMERICA EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT,
Richmond, May 31, 1864.

To the Senate of the Confederate States:

Agreeably to the recommendation of the Secretary of War, I nominate the officers on the accompanying list to the rank affixed to their names, respectively.

JEFFERSON DAVIS.

CONFEDERATE STATES OF AMERICA, WAR DEPARTMENT,
Richmond, Va., May 7, 1864.

SIR: I have the honor to recommend the following nominations for appointment in the Provisional Army of the Confederate States of America:

SIGNAL OFFICERS.

Captain.

S. M. Routh, of Louisiana, to be captain, vice Captain Alexander, resigned, to rank from February 19, 1864.

First lieutenants.

J. N. Stubbs, of Virginia, to be first lieutenant, vice Lieutenant Lindsay, resigned, to rank from February 19, 1864.

J. L. Doggett, of Virginia, to be first lieutenant, vice Lieutenant Routh, promoted, to rank from February 19, 1864.

Second lieutenant.

Skipwith Wilmer, of Virginia, to be second lieutenant, vice Lieutenant Stubbs, promoted, to rank from February 19, 1864.

I am, sir, respectfully, your obedient servant,

JAMES A. SEDDON,
Secretary of War.

To His Excellency JEFFERSON DAVIS,
President, &c.

The message was read.

Ordered, That it be referred to the Committee on Military Affairs.

Mr. Baker, from the Committee on Post-Offices and Post-Roads, to whom were referred (on the 30th ultimo) the nominations of Edward A. Thomas, to be postmaster at Holly Springs, Marshall County, Miss.; N. A. Bull, to be postmaster at Orangeburg, S. C.; Nathan Seligman, at Shreveport, La.; Henry Townsend, at Wetumpka, Ala.; Richard C. Wallace, at Georgetown, S. C.; Noah L. Cloud, at Bainbridge, Ga.; Rufus W. Daniel, at Weldon, N. C.; and of Dr. James H. Starr, of Nacogdoches, Tex., to be agent of the Post-Office Department for the country west of the Mississippi River, under act of Congress approved February 10, 1864, reported, with the recommendation that all of said nominations be confirmed.

The Senate proceeded to the consideration of said report; and in concurrence therewith, it was

Resolved, That the Senate advise and consent to their appointment, agreeably to the nomination of the President.

Mr. Sparrow, from the Committee on Military Affairs, to whom were referred (on the 25th of May last) the nominations of S. J. Cholson, Bryan Grimes, James Conner, Rufus Barringer, to be brigadier-generals; Isham Harrison, W. D. Mitchell, T. P. Shaw, W. G. Swanson, Robert White, O. M. Dantzler, to be colonels; J. McAnerney, C. T. O'Ferrall, W. W. Billopp, E. G. Brasher, D. E. Scruggs, to be lieutenant-colonels; J. J. Owen, James W. Banning, George W. Reynolds, J. W. Carter, N. Stallworth, F. H. Calmese, to be majors of infantry; Sidney T. Fontaine, George R. Wilson, to be majors of artillery; R. C. M. Sale, A. L. De Rosset, J. R. S. Gilliland, to be captains; W. Perrin Kemp, J. L. Bostick, William H. Hardy, to be aids-de-camp, with the rank of first lieutenant; William M. Cravens, John L. Hammond, W. J. Van de Graaff, J. L. Lockwood, John W. Johnson, David L. Sweatman, George W. Orton, W. W. Zimmerman, to be adjutants, with the rank of first lieutenant; A. P. Sangrain, to be adjutant Twenty-seventh Arkansas Regiment; L. T. Nunnelee, to be second lieutenant, Stuart's Artillery; C. Carrington, Charles D. Lee, to be first lieutenants of cavalry and infantry; Wensley Hobby, Robert L. Cooper, T. M. S. Rhett, George M. Stoney, T. A. Quattlebaum, L. Bowie, E. S. Ogden, Robert M. Scott, John D. McIntyre, E. J. O'Brien, S. P. Norris, to be second lieutenants; Bennett Clark, to be military storekeeper of ordnance, with the rank of first lieutenant of infantry; J. B. Hardeman, to be a quartermaster, with the rank of major; Isaac A. Clarke, L. C. Fisher, to be assistant quartermasters, with the rank of captain; John W. Brown, to be a commissary, with the rank of major; R. A. Watkins, Duff Child, John T. McFarland, William Hoskins, Henry V. Gray, John C. Mobley, Ed. B. Perrin, Henry Clay Ghent, Alex. Rives, Charles H. Todd, Robert Donnell Gwin, Samuel V. D. Hill, Benjamin F. Duvall, James B. Luckie, Patrick H. Griffin, Jos. J. Holt, Junius Roane, William W. Keith, G. A. D. Galt, William G. Carter, John William Lawson, William W. Douglas, William E. Kemble, Alfred R. Garnier, Jos. H. Mittall, Thomas R. Cosby, Alfred Smith, S. A. Holt, Henry Plummer, William E. Saunders, Matthew Deavenport, John William Crowders, George W. Henderson, Jos. Bensadon, John Gratton Cabell, John Dickson Bruns, Eben Hillyer, Alfred Raoul, Bolling A. Pope, William A. Cochran, John M. Henson, John W. King, B. T. Marshall, R. T. Abernathy,

R. J. Christie, to be surgeons; W. R. Jones, A. T. Robertson, L. W. Harris, L. T. Richardson, W. H. Brame, T. J. Black, R. H. Lee, A. F. Wills, J. F. Hughes, R. U. Burges, D. Williams, W. R. Hughes, J. F. J. McCleary, W. P. Thurman, E. A. Leggett, J. R. Jones, T. S. Fox, H. W. De Saussure, B. B. Poellnitz, H. S. Beatty, J. D. Neill, J. R. McKenzie, T. E. Nott, H. D. Green, J. C. Arant, D. C. Millen, H. J. Smith, T. W. Brian, J. W. Suggs, P. H. Adams, J. B. Simpson, J. T. Harden, T. F. Dunn, E. Ravenel, jr., P. J. Maxwell, H. J. Nott, W. J. Upshaw, J. V. Brookes, L. W. Dick, L. F. Dozier, T. A. Southerland, J. J. W. Glenn, J. R. Gildersleeve, S. R. Deakins, M. M. Pitts, R. E. Shelton, M. W. McCaine, T. C. Brown, S. M. Lewis, S. C. Martin, W. R. Minniece, W. Magruder, W. T. Parker, W. Henderson, J. F. Zacharias, E. W. Latimer, W. J. Williams, W. H. Dulaney, G. S. Field, J. R. Wood, W. L. Lundy, W. J. Pierce, J. W. Banks, J. C. Blakeney, G. McD. Brumby, J. L. Speake, W. S. Pierson, W. H. Pue, S. S. Carter, H. A. Coleman, A. J. Wolfe, D. P. Hollo-way, R. B. Harris, G. B. Williams, C. G. Stephens, L. D. McReynolds, J. W. Caldwell, G. B. Lester, T. J. Goodwyn, A. McD. Moore, B. A. Bobo, W. A. Strother, T. J. Taylor, B. Williams, T. I. Webb, A. S. Epes, J. C. Goodman, F. S. Hall, H. W. Dorsey, T. E. Moor-man, M. W. Stanford, A. M. Robertson, W. D. Witherspoon, H. M. Heath, J. S. Deyerle, P. Roan, H. J. McLaurin, H. D. Shell, E. T. Adams, G. A. Merritt, G. W. Jordan, William M. Baird, B. M. Alford, L. A. Woodson, to be assistant surgeons, reported, with the recommendation that all of said nominations be confirmed.

The Senate proceeded to the consideration of said report; and in concurrence therewith, it was

Resolved, That the Senate advise and consent to their appointment, agreeably to the nomination of the President.

On motion by Mr. Burnett,

The vote by which the nomination of J. J. Flournoy, to be assistant quartermaster, with the rank of captain, was referred to the Committee on Military Affairs, was reconsidered.

The Senate proceeded to consider the said nomination; and

Resolved, That the Senate advise and consent to the appointment of J. J. Flournoy, agreeably to the nomination of the President.

On motion by Mr. Orr,

The Senate resolved into secret legislative session.

THURSDAY, JUNE 2, 1864.

OPEN SESSION.

Mr. Oldham (by leave) introduced

A bill (S. 64) to provide for the establishment of a bureau of polytechnics for the examination, experiment, and application of warlike inventions;

which was read the first and second times and referred to the Committee on Military Affairs.

Mr. Orr, from the Committee on Foreign Affairs, submitted the following resolution; which was considered and agreed to:

Resolved, That a joint committee of five on the part of the Senate and on the part of the House of Representatives be appointed to collect authentic information concerning the treatment by the Federal authorities of such slaves as have fallen into the hands of the enemy during the present war.

Ordered, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the House of Representatives therein.

A message from the House of Representatives, by Mr. Dalton:

Mr. President: The House of Representatives have passed a joint resolution (H. R. 11) of thanks to Maj. Gen. Richard Taylor and the officers and men of his command; in which they request the concurrence of the Senate.

The Speaker of the House of Representatives having signed an enrolled bill, I am directed to bring it to the Senate for the signature of their President.

Mr. Barnwell, from the Committee on Finance, to whom was referred the bill (H. R. 135) to increase the compensation of the assistant clerks of the Senate and House of Representatives, reported it without amendment.

The Senate proceeded, as in Committee of the Whole, to the consideration of the said bill; and

On motion by Mr. Burnett,

Ordered, That the further consideration thereof be postponed until to-morrow.

Mr. Barnwell, from the Committee on Finance, to whom was referred the bill (S. 59) to authorize the owners of the registered eight per cent ten-year convertible bonds issued under the provisions of the act approved 16th May, 1861, to exchange the same for coupon bonds, reported it without amendment.

The Senate proceeded, as in Committee of the Whole, to the consideration of the said bill; and no amendment being proposed, it was reported to the Senate.

Ordered, That it be engrossed and read a third time.

The said bill was read the third time.

On the question,

Shall the bill now pass?

It was determined in the affirmative,	{ Yeas-----	15
	{ Nays-----	7

On motion by Mr. Oldham,

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present. Those who voted in the affirmative are,

Messrs. Baker, Barnwell, Brown, Burnett, Caperton, Graham, Hill, Hunter, Jemison, Maxwell, Orr, Semmes, Sparrow, Walker, and Watson.

Those who voted in the negative are,

Messrs. Haynes, Henry, Johnson of Georgia, Johnson of Missouri, Mitchel, Oldham, and Simms.

So it was

Resolved, That it pass, and that the title thereof be as aforesaid.

Ordered, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the House of Representatives therein.

Mr. Sparrow, from the Committee on Military Affairs, to whom was referred the bill (S. 61) to amend an act entitled "An act to organize military courts to attend the Army of the Confederate States in the field, and to define the powers of said courts," reported it with an amendment.

The Senate proceeded, as in Committee of the Whole, to the consideration of the said bill; and the reported amendment having been agreed to, the bill was reported to the Senate and the amendment was concurred in.

Ordered, That the bill be engrossed and read a third time.

The said bill was read the third time.

Resolved, That it pass, and that the title thereof be as aforesaid.

Ordered, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the House of Representatives therein.

Mr. Caperton, from the committee, reported that they had examined and found truly enrolled bills of the following titles:

S. 4. An act to provide transportation in kind in certain cases to Members and Delegates in Congress;

S. 22. An act to secure the prompt printing of the laws of the Confederate States;

S. 33. An act to regulate the compensation and mileage of members of Congress and increase the compensation of the officers of the Senate and House of Representatives; and

H. R. 52. An act to amend an act entitled "An act to provide for holding elections of Representatives in the Congress of the Confederate States in the State of Tennessee," approved May 1, 1863.

The President pro tempore having signed the enrolled bills last reported to have been examined, they were delivered to the Secretary of the Senate and by him forthwith presented to the President of the Confederate States for his approval.

Mr. Sparrow, from the Committee on Military Affairs, to whom was referred the bill (S. 49) to authorize the manufacture of spirituous liquors for the use of the Army and hospitals, reported it with amendments.

Ordered, That the bill and amendments be printed.

Mr. Sparrow, from the Committee on Military Affairs, to whom was referred the bill (H. R. 134) to amend an act entitled "An act to establish a niter and mining bureau," approved April 22, 1863, reported it without amendment.

Mr. Sparrow, from the Committee on Military Affairs, to whom were referred the amendments of the House of Representatives to the bill (S. 34) to provide for the compensation of noncommissioned officers, soldiers, sailors, and marines on detached service, reported thereon.

The Senate proceeded to consider the amendments of the House of Representatives to the bill (S. 34) last mentioned; and

Resolved, That they disagree thereto.

Ordered, That the Secretary inform the House of Representatives thereof.

Mr. Sparrow, from the Committee on Military Affairs, to whom was referred the amendment of the House of Representatives to the bill (S. 31) to promote the efficiency of the cavalry of the Provisional Army, and to punish lawlessness and irregularities of any portions thereof, reported thereon.

The Senate proceeded to consider the amendment of the House of Representatives to the bill (S. 31) last mentioned; and

On motion by Mr. Sparrow,

Resolved, That they disagree to the amendment of the House of Representatives to the said bill, and ask a conference on the disagreeing votes of the two Houses thereon.

On motion by Mr. Sparrow,

Ordered, That the committee of conference on the part of the Senate be appointed by the President pro tempore; and

Mr. Sparrow, Mr. Haynes, and Mr. Johnson of Missouri were appointed.

Ordered, That the Secretary inform the House of Representatives thereof.

The joint resolution (H. R. 11) of thanks to Maj. Gen. Richard Taylor and the officers and men of his command was read the first and second times and referred to the Committee on Military Affairs.

A message from the President of the Confederate States, by Mr. B. N. Harrison:

Mr. President: The President of the Confederate States, on the 31st ultimo, approved and signed the following acts:

S. 10. An act to amend an act entitled "An act to aid any State in communicating with and perfecting records concerning its troops," approved 16th February, 1864;

S. 28. An act to amend an act entitled "An act creating the office of ensign in the Army of the Confederate States;"

S. 39. An act to amend the several acts in regard to chaplains; and

S. 41. An act to provide for the appointment of a disbursing clerk in the War Department.

Ordered, That the Secretary inform the House of Representatives thereof.

The Senate proceeded, as in Committee of the Whole, to the consideration of the bill (S. 52) providing for the establishment and payment of claims for property taken or informally and unwarrantably impressed for the use of the Government.

On motion by Mr. Graham, to amend the bill by striking out "support of," section 1, line 6, and inserting "relation to,"

It was determined in the affirmative.

On motion by Mr. Sparrow, to amend the bill by striking out "or," section 1, line 3, and inserting "and,"

It was determined in the affirmative.

On motion by Mr. Semmes, to amend the bill by inserting after "proof," section 1, line 6, the words "under oath,"

It was determined in the affirmative.

On motion by Mr. Semmes, to amend the bill by inserting after "shall," section 1, line 5, the words "at stated periods in each parish or county,"

It was determined in the affirmative.

On motion by Mr. Sparrow, to amend the bill by inserting after "the," section 1, line 6, the word "nearest."

It was determined in the affirmative.

On motion by Mr. Semmes, to amend the bill by striking out the words "proper bureau for such action thereon as may be just and proper in the premises," section 1, lines 11, 12, and 13, and inserting in lieu thereof the words

officers charged by law with the auditing and payment of these claims, for final action; and such officers are hereby authorized to examine, audit, and control said claims according to the principles of justice and equity: *Provided*, That claims originating west of the Mississippi shall be reported for examination, audit, and final action thereon, and payment thereof, to the accounting officers of the Treasury established for the Trans-Mississippi Department,

It was determined in the affirmative.

On motion by Mr. Semmes, to amend the bill by striking out the words "Government or," section 1, line 10,

It was determined in the affirmative.

On motion by Mr. Johnson, of Georgia, to amend the bill by striking out the words "and unwarrantably," section 1, lines 8 and 9,

It was determined in the affirmative,	{ Yeas	8
	{ Nays	7

On motion by Mr. Johnson of Georgia,

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present,

Those who voted in the affirmative are,

Messrs. Barnwell, Graham, Haynes, Henry, Hunter, Johnson of Georgia, Johnson of Arkansas, and Orr.

Those who voted in the negative are,

Messrs. Caperton, Johnson of Missouri, Mitchel, Oldham, Semmes, Sparrow, and Watson.

On motion by Mr. Johnson of Missouri, to amend the bill by inserting after "informally," section 1, line 8, the words, "and illegally,"

It was determined in the affirmative.

On motion by Mr. Johnson of Arkansas,

Ordered, That the further consideration of the bill be postponed until to-morrow.

The following message was received from the President of the Confederate States, by Mr. B. N. Harrison, his Secretary:

RICHMOND, VA., June 1, 1864.

To the Senate and House of Representatives:

I herewith transmit for your information a communication from the Secretary of War, covering copies of additional reports of military operations in the year 1862.

JEFFERSON DAVIS.

The message was read.

Ordered, That it be referred to the Committee on Military Affairs.

On motion by Mr. Johnson of Missouri,

The Senate resolved into executive session.

The doors having been opened,

On motion by Mr. Mitchel,

The Senate adjourned.

SECRET SESSION.

Mr. Mitchel (by leave) introduced

A bill (S. 65) to aid in the construction of ironclad gunboats for the defense of Western and Southern rivers;

which was read the first and second times and referred to the Committee on Military Affairs.

Mr. Barnwell, from the Committee on Finance, to whom was referred the bill (H. R. 133) making appropriations for the redemption of the seven per cent foreign loan authorized by act of Congress approved 29th of January, 1863, reported it without amendment.

The Senate proceeded, as in Committee of the Whole, to the consideration of the said bill; and no amendment being proposed, it was reported to the Senate.

Ordered, That it pass to a third reading.

The said bill was read the third time.

Resolved, That it pass.

Ordered, That the Secretary inform the House of Representatives thereof.

On motion by Mr. Barnwell,

Ordered, That the Committee on Finance be discharged from the

further consideration of the resolution submitted by Mr. Simms on the 23d of May, last, inquiring into the expediency of "taking for the public use" all the cotton, tobacco, and naval stores in the Confederate States, etc.

Mr. Orr (by leave) introduced

A joint resolution (S. 10) in relation to the opening of negotiations for peace between the Confederate States and the United States; which was read the first and second times and ordered to be placed upon the Calendar.

On motion by Mr. Mitchel,

The Senate resolved into open legislative session.

EXECUTIVE SESSION.

The following message was received from the President of the Confederate States, by Mr. B. N. Harrison, his Secretary:

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT, *Richmond, June 2, 1864.*

To the Senate of the Confederate States:

Agreeably to the recommendation of the Secretary of War, I nominate the officers on the accompanying list to the rank affixed to their names, respectively.

JEFFERSON DAVIS.

No. 27.]

WAR DEPARTMENT, *Richmond, June 1, 1864.*

SIR: I have the honor to recommend the following nominations for appointment in the Provisional Army of the Confederate States of America:

Brigadier-generals.

Col. T. P. Dockery, of Arkansas, to command a new brigade, Trans-Mississippi Department, to rank from August 10, 1863.

Col. T. N. Maul, of Texas, to command a new brigade, Trans-Mississippi Department, to rank from September 18, 1863.

I am, sir, respectfully, your obedient servant,

JAMES A. SEDDON,
Secretary of War.

To His Excellency JEFFERSON DAVIS,
President, etc.

The message was read.

Ordered, That it be referred to the Committee on Military Affairs.

The following message was received from the President of the Confederate States, by Mr. B. N. Harrison, his Secretary:

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT, *Richmond, June 1, 1864.*

To the Senate of the Confederate States:

Agreeably to the recommendation of the Secretary of War, I nominate Col. John Bratton, of South Carolina, to be a brigadier-general in the Provisional Army of the Confederate States of America.

JEFFERSON DAVIS.

WAR DEPARTMENT, *Richmond, June 1, 1864.*

SIR: I have the honor to recommend the nomination of Col. John Bratton, of South Carolina, to be a brigadier-general in the Provisional Army of the Confederate States of America (to command the late Gen. M. Jenkins' brigade, Army of Northern Virginia), to rank from the death of General J[enkins], May 6, 1864.

I am, sir, respectfully, your obedient servant,

JAMES A. SEDDON,
Secretary of War.

To His Excellency JEFFERSON DAVIS,
President, etc.

The message was read.

Ordered, That it be referred to the Committee on Military Affairs.

The following message was received from the President of the Confederate States, by Mr. B. N. Harrison, his Secretary:

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT, *Richmond, June 2, 1864.*

To the Senate of the Confederate States:

Agreeably to the recommendation of the Secretary of War, I nominate the officers on the accompanying list to the rank affixed to their names, respectively.

JEFFERSON DAVIS.

No. 28.]

WAR DEPARTMENT, *Richmond, June 2, 1864.*

SIR: I have the honor to recommend the following nominations for temporary appointment (under act approved May 31, 1864) in the Provisional Army of the Confederate States of America:

Brigadier-generals.

Col. William R. Cox, of North Carolina, to take rank from May 31, 1864.

Col. Thomas F. Toon, of North Carolina, to take rank from May 31, 1864.

Lieut. Col. William G. Lewis, of North Carolina, to take rank from May 31, 1864.

Col. Zebulon York, of Louisiana, to take rank from May 31, 1864.

Lieut. Col. R. D. Lilley, of Virginia, to take rank from May 31, 1864.

I am, sir, respectfully, your obedient servant,

JAMES A. SEDDON,
Secretary of War.

To His Excellency JEFFERSON DAVIS,
President, etc.

The Senate proceeded to the consideration of the nominations of William R. Cox, Thomas F. Toon, William G. Lewis, Zebulon York, and R. D. Lilley, to temporary rank (under act approved May 31, 1864) as brigadier-generals; and

Resolved, That the Senate advise and consent to their appointment, agreeably to the nomination of the President.

Mr. Brown, from the Committee on Naval Affairs, to whom were referred the nominations of Franklin Buchanan, to be admiral; Samuel Barron, Raphael Semmes, John K. Mitchell, Thomas J. Page, Robert F. Pinkney, to be captains; Thomas R. Rootes, Thomas T. Hunter, James W. Cooke, Isaac N. Brown, Robert B. Pegram, William L. Maury, John N. Maffitt, Joseph N. Barney, William A. Wirt, George W. Harrison, James D. Johnston, to be commanders; Washington Gwathmey, John Rutledge, Joel S. Kennard, Charles M. Morris, John S. Maury, Charles W. Hays, Charles C. Simms, Julian Myers, Alex. F. Warley, John W. Bennett, Jonathan H. Carter, William H. Parker, J. Pembroke Jones, William H. Murdaugh, John Mel. Kell, James H. Rochelle, Robert D. Minor, James I. Waddell, Joseph Fry, Charles P. McGary, Hunter Davidson, Robert R. Carter, John R. Hamilton, Oscar F. Johnston, John R. Eggleston, Robert T. Chapman, William P. A. Campbell, Benjamin P. Loyall, William H. Ward, John W. Dunnington, Francis E. Shepperd, Thomas P. Pelot, William G. Dozier, William L. Bradford, Hamilton H. Dalton, William E. Evans, George S. Shryock, Thomas K. Porter, Joseph W. Alexander, Charles J. Graves, Thomas B. Mills, William C. Whittle, jr., William A. Kerr, John Grimball, Wilburn B. Hall, Samuel W. Averett, Henry B. Claiborne, George A. Borchert, Hilary Cenas, Walter R. Butt, W. Warder Pollock, Arthur D. Wharton, Thomas L. Dornin, Thomas L. Harrison, James L. Hoole, Francis L. Hoge, Edmund G. Read, Charles W. Read, Sardine G. Stone, Alphonse Barbot, Robert J.

Bowen, George W. Gift, Thomas W. W. Davies, Patrick McCarrick, William F. Carter, William H. Wall, William W. Carnes, John H. Ingraham, William Van Comstock, Richard F. Armstrong, Albert G. Hudgins, Charles K. King, John H. Comstock, Joseph D. Wilson, Julian M. Spencer, James L. Johnson, Sidney S. Lee, jr., Samuel Barron, jr., E. Canty Stockton, James McC. Baker, John W. Murdaugh, Mortimer M. Benton, Charles L. Haralson, Sidney H. McAdam, Francis T. Chew, Alex. M. Mason, Thomas L. Moore, Ivey Foreman, Walter O. Crain, Joseph Price, Alexander Grant, Charles E. Yeatman, Charles B. Oliver, Charles H. Hasker, Francis Watlington, John L. Phillips, George H. Arledge, Maxwell T. Clarke, John A. Payne, Henry W. Ray, William E. Hudgins, John F. Ramsay, H. Beverly Littlepage, Lewis R. Hill, Edward J. Means, Henry Roberts, Richard H. Gayle, Robert C. Foute, Francis M. Roby, Henry H. Marmaduke, John Low, Arthur Sinclair, jr., William W. Roberts, Edgar A. Lambert, Otey Bradford, Joseph M. Gardner, Matthew P. Goodwyn, Americus V. Wiatt, Thomas L. Skinner, and Clarence L. Stanton, to be first lieutenants; Joseph P. Claybrook, Richard S. Floyd, William P. Mason, William F. Robinson, John R. Price, David A. Telfair, Daniel Trigg, Isaac C. Holcomb, William R. Dalton, Algernon S. Worth, Robert A. Camm, Dabney M. Scales, John T. Walker, Samuel S. Gregory, William W. Read, Richard H. Bacot, Edward J. McDermett, R. B. Larmour, Thomas P. Bell, James W. Billups, to be second lieutenants; Samuel P. Blanc, George D. Bryan, Wyndam R. Mayo, Daniel D. Colcock, William P. Hamilton, James C. Long, Henry L. Vaughan, James M. Pearson, Henry S. Cooke, Gale W. Sparks, William J. Craig, to be masters, in the line of promotion; Felix Senae, James O. Moore, Richard Taylor, and James E. Armour, to be paymasters; Douglas F. Forrest, Leslie E. Brooks, John S. Banks, John J. McPherson, M. M. Seay, George H. O'Neal, William B. Micon, Wilson G. Richardson, Perry M. DeLeon, Adam Tredwell, Edward McKean, Dewitt C. Seymour, Simeon B. Reardon, William H. Chase, H. E. McDuffie, William M. Ladd, Sterling L. Barksdale, Sidney S. Nicholas, Charles W. Keim, William E. Deacon, T. G. Ridgely, John M. Pearl, Levi M. Tucker, C. Lucian Jones, Willis B. Cobb, John F. Wheless, Marshall L. Sothoron, Marsden Bellamy, Basil M. Heriot, Norton Kent Adams, to be assistant paymasters; J. W. B. Greenhow, William D. Harrison, William F. Carrington, Charles H. Williamson, Arthur M. Lynah, Daniel B. Conrad, Francis L. Galt, William M. Page, H. W. M. Washington, Algernon S. Garnett, to be surgeons; Frederic Garretson, J. W. Sandford, Thomas J. Charlton, Charles E. Lining, Marcellus P. Christian, Robert J. Freeman, Bennett W. Green, James W. Herty, James E. Lindsay, and Osborn S. Iglehart, to be passed assistant surgeons; Charles M. Morfit, T. Bartow Ford, R. R. Gibbes, Edwin G. Booth, Thomas Emory, William Mason Turner, John De Bree, Marcellus Ford, W. W. Graves, W. J. Addison, N. C. Edmunds, S. S. Herrick, N. M. Read, John Leyburn, Robert C. Powell, R. C. Bowles, John P. Lipscomb, William C. Jones, William Sheppardson, C. M. Parker, C. Wesley Thomas, Henry B. Melvin, William S. Stoakley, William W. Griggs, Joseph S. Tipton, George B. Weston, George N. Halstead, James V. Cook, James O. Grant, Pike Brown, Henry G. Land, G. W. Claiborne, James M. Hicks, Joel

G. King, Daniel E. Ewart, Edward Caire, Jephtha V. Harris, Luther R. Dickinson, John B. Rutherford, George A. Foote, Nathaniel K. Henderson, James W. Belvin, Watkins L. Warren, Robert Kuykendall, James G. Thomas, Walter E. Bondurant, James E. Moyler, Frederick Peck, Hugh S. Paisley, John E. Duffel, James G. Boxley, Edmund Goldsborough, to be assistant surgeons; Michael Quinn and J. Charles Schroeder, to be chief engineers in the Provisional Navy, reported, with the recommendation that all of said nominations be confirmed.

The Senate proceeded to the consideration of said report; and in concurrence therewith, it was

Resolved, That the Senate advise and consent to their appointment, agreeably to the nominations of the President.

Mr. Sparrow, from the Committee on Military Affairs, to whom was referred the nomination of J. B. Kershaw, to be a major-general in the Provisional Army of the Confederate States of America, reported, with the recommendation that said nomination be confirmed.

The Senate proceeded to the consideration of said report; and in concurrence therewith, it was

Resolved, That the Senate advise and consent to his appointment, agreeably to the nomination of the President.

On motion by Mr. Mitchel,

The Senate resolved into secret legislative session.

FRIDAY, JUNE 3, 1864.

OPEN SESSION.

A message from the House of Representatives, by Mr. Dalton:

Mr. President: The House of Representatives have passed bills of the following titles; in which they request the concurrence of the Senate:

H. R. 107. An act to amend the tax laws;

H. R. 108. An act to amend the laws relating to the tax in kind; and

H. R. 146. An act to amend an act entitled "An act regulating the granting of furloughs and discharges in hospitals," approved May 1, 1863.

The House of Representatives insist on their amendment to the bill of the Senate (S. 31) to promote the efficiency of the cavalry of the Provisional Army, and to punish lawlessness and irregularities of any portions thereof, agree to the conference asked by the Senate on the disagreeing votes of the two Houses thereon, and have appointed Mr. Marshall of Kentucky, Mr. Staples of Virginia, and Mr. Singleton of Mississippi managers at the same on their part.

The Speaker of the House of Representatives having signed sundry enrolled bills and an enrolled joint resolution, I am directed to bring them to the Senate for the signature of their President.

On motion by Mr. Maxwell,

Ordered, That the President pro tempore appoint, for the remainder of the present session, two additional members on the Committee on Engrossment and Enrollment; and

Mr. Walker and Mr. Watson were appointed.

Mr. Baker submitted the following resolution; which was considered and agreed to:

Resolved, That the Committee on the Judiciary be instructed to inquire into the expediency of increasing the salaries of judges of the district courts.

On motion by Mr. Orr,

Ordered, That the Hon. Allen T. Caperton have leave of absence from the sessions of the Senate during the remainder of the present session.

Mr. Caperton, from the Committee on Foreign Affairs, who were instructed by a resolution of the Senate to inquire into the expediency of requesting the President of the Confederate States to make an exposition, through our commissioners abroad, to the various European powers to which they may be accredited, of the violations of the rules of civilized warfare, and the atrocities committed by the Government and armies of the United States, in the prosecution of hostilities against the Confederate States of America, submitted a report (No. 4), accompanied by the following resolution; which was considered and agreed to:

Resolved, That the President of the Confederate States be requested to make an exposition, through our commissioners abroad, to the various European powers to which they may be accredited, of the violations of the rules of civilized warfare, and of the atrocities committed by the Government and the armies of the United States, in the prosecution of hostilities against the Confederate States of America.

Mr. Sparrow, from the Committee on Military Affairs, who were instructed by a resolution of the Senate to inquire into the subject, reported

A bill (S. 66) to amend the act entitled "An act to provide for the public defense," approved 6th March, 1861; which was read the first and second times and considered as in Committee of the Whole; and no amendment being proposed, it was reported to the Senate.

Ordered, That it be engrossed and read a third time.

The said bill was read the third time.

Resolved, That it pass, and that the title thereof be as aforesaid.

Ordered, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the House of Representatives therein.

Mr. Sparrow, from the Committee on Military Affairs, to whom was referred the bill (S. 64) to provide for the establishment of a bureau of polytechnics for the examination, experiment, and application of war-like inventions, reported it without amendment.

A message from the House of Representatives, by Mr. Dalton:

Mr. President: The House of Representatives have passed bills of the following titles; in which they request the concurrence of the Senate:

H. R. 147. An act to amend an act entitled "An act to impose regulations upon the foreign commerce of the Confederate States to provide for the public defense," approved February 6, 1864; and

H. R. 148. An act to raise money to increase the pay of soldiers.

Mr. Sparrow, from the Committee on Military Affairs, to whom were referred the amendments of the House of Representatives to the bill (S. 43) to regulate the pay of a general assigned to duty at the seat of government under the provisions of the act approved March 25, 1862, reported thereon.

The Senate proceeded to consider the amendments of the House of Representatives to the bill (S. 43) last mentioned; and

On motion by Mr. Barnwell,

Ordered, That they be recommitted to the Committee on Military Affairs.

Mr. Sparrow, from the Committee on Military Affairs, to whom was referred the bill (S. 18) to repeal an act entitled "An act to provide a staff and clerical force for any general who may be assigned by the President to duty at the seat of government," reported it without amendment.

On motion by Mr. Sparrow,

Ordered, That the Committee on Military Affairs be discharged from the further consideration of the following bills:

S. 3. A bill to authorize officers of the Army and Navy to purchase rations; and

S. 17. A bill to provide rations for the officers of the Army during the war.

Mr. Sparrow, from the Committee on Military Affairs, to whom was referred the bill (H. R. 92) to amend the act approved February 17, 1864, entitled "An act to allow commissioned officers of the Army rations and the privilege of purchasing clothing from the Quartermaster's Department," reported it without amendment.

The Senate proceeded, as in Committee of the Whole, to the consideration of the said bill.

On motion by Mr Orr, to amend the bill by striking out all after the enacting clause and inserting:

That in addition to the rations allowed by said act, officers in the Army whilst on duty in the field, and officers of the naval service whilst afloat, may purchase from any commissary or other officer required to issue subsistence to soldiers, marines, or seamen at the prime cost thereof, including transportation, as follows: One ration each for officers of and below the rank of colonel; two rations each for officers of the rank of brigadier-general, major-general, and lieutenant-general, and three rations each for a general; one ration each for commissioned officers of the Navy of and below the rank of commander, and two rations each for officers above that rank.

Sec. 2. That an officer shall not draw or purchase, at any time, more of the component part of a ration than is issued to the private soldier at the same time.

Sec. 3. That nothing contained in this act or the act to which this is an amendment shall be construed as allowing commutation for rations or as authorizing an officer to receive or purchase rations except when he requires them for his own use,

On motion by Mr. Barnwell, to amend the proposed amendment by striking out of the first section the words

in addition to the rations allowed by said act, officers in the Army whilst on duty in the field, and officers of the naval service whilst afloat, may,

and inserting in lieu thereof the words

all commissioned officers in the Army and Navy shall be entitled to one ration, and all commissioned officers in the field and afloat, in addition thereto, shall be allowed to,

It was determined in the affirmative.

On motion by Mr. Sparrow, to amend the proposed amendment by adding thereto the following:

Sec. 1. That this act shall continue in force only during the war,

It was determined in the affirmative.

On the question to agree to the amendment proposed by Mr. Orr, as amended,

It was determined in the affirmative.

No further amendment being made, the bill was reported to the Senate and the amendment was concurred in.

Ordered, That the amendment be engrossed and the bill read a third time.

The said bill as amended was read the third time.

Resolved, That it pass with an amendment.

Ordered, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the House of Representatives in the amendment.

The following bills were severally read the first and second times and referred to the Committee on Finance:

H. R. 107. An act to amend the tax laws;

H. R. 108. An act to amend the laws relating to the tax in kind; and

H. R. 148. An act to raise money to increase the pay of soldiers.

On motion by Mr. Graham,

Ordered, That they be printed.

The bill (H. R. 146) to amend an act entitled "An act regulating the granting of furloughs and discharges in hospitals," approved May 1, 1863, was read the first and second times and referred to the Committee on Military Affairs.

The bill (H. R. 147) to amend an act entitled "An act to impose regulations upon the foreign commerce of the Confederate States to provide for the public defense" was read the first and second times and referred to the Committee on Commerce.

Mr. Maxwell, from the committee, reported that they had examined and found truly enrolled bills and a joint resolution of the following titles:

S. 15. An act to furnish transportation to officers of the Army and Navy while traveling under orders;

S. 23. An act to provide for the appointment of additional military storekeepers in the Provisional Army of the Confederate States;

S. 24. An act to authorize the appointment of additional officers of artillery for ordnance duties; and

H. R. 9. Joint resolution responsive to the resolutions of the general assembly of Virginia "asserting the jurisdiction and sovereignty of the State of Virginia over her ancient boundaries."

The President pro tempore having signed the enrolled bills and enrolled joint resolution last reported to have been examined, they were delivered to the Secretary of the Senate and by him forthwith presented to the President of the Confederate States for his approval.

The Senate resumed, as in Committee of the Whole, the consideration of the bill (H. R. 135) to increase the compensation of the assistant clerks in the Senate and House of Representatives; and

On motion by Mr. Baker,

Ordered, That the further consideration thereof be postponed until to-morrow.

The Senate resumed, as in Committee of the Whole, the consideration of the bill (S. 52) providing for the establishment and payment of claims for property taken or informally and unwarrantably impressed for the use of the Government.

On motion by Mr. Semmes, to amend the bill by striking out all after the enacting clause and inserting:

That it shall be the duty of the Secretary of War to appoint and assign, in each Congressional district and for each Territory, an agent not liable to military duty in the field, who shall, at stated times, in each county or parish, under the direction of the post quartermaster nearest to him, receive and take proof under oath in relation to all claims in said district for forage, provisions, cattle, sheep, hogs, horses, mules, teams, and wagons heretofore furnished to the Army by the owner or heretofore taken or informally impressed for the use of the Army and not yet paid for, by any officer in the military service or by his order or direction, express or implied, from the use of the property, whether said officer be a line or staff officer, and whether he be a bonded officer or otherwise, and report the facts and transmit the evidence in each case to the proper accounting officers of the Treasury, together with his opinion as to the justice and validity of the claim; and the said accounting officers are hereby authorized to audit and control, and order payment of such claims as appear to them to be equitable and just: *Provided*, That all such claims originating west of the Mississippi River shall be reported to the accounting officers of the Treasury Department established for the Trans-Mississippi Department, who are hereby authorized to audit, control, and direct payment of the same in the same

manner as the accounting officers of the Treasury east of the Mississippi River. And the said agent is hereby authorized, in taking testimony in regard to said claims, to administer oaths to witnesses, and, if he think proper, to the claimants themselves. The compensation allowed to said agent shall be ten dollars per day while actually engaged in the performance of the duties imposed on him by this act, and thirty cents per mile for every mile actually traveled by him, to be paid under regulations to be prescribed by the Secretary of War: *Provided*, That the Secretary of War may assign to the duty herein mentioned any quartermaster or disabled officer of the Army; and in that event said officer or quartermaster shall, in addition to the compensation now allowed him by law, be entitled to mileage at the rate of forty cents per mile.

SEC. 2. This act shall cease and determine on the first day of January, eighteen hundred and sixty-five, east of the Mississippi River, and on the first day of May, eighteen hundred and sixty-five, west of the Mississippi River; and all claims of the description aforesaid, not presented to the agent aforesaid prior to said dates at the respective places mentioned, shall not be entitled to the benefits of this act,

On motion by Mr. Simms, to amend the proposed amendment by inserting at the end of the first section the following proviso:

Provided further, That the Secretary of War may appoint and assign any non-commissioned officer or private to perform the duties under this act who may be unfit for active service in the field because of wounds received or disease contracted in said service, and the pay and allowances of such noncommissioned officer or private, when so appointed and assigned, shall be the same as are allowed to persons so appointed who may not be liable to military service,

It was determined in the affirmative.

On the question to agree to the amendment proposed by Mr. Semmes, as amended,

It was determined in the affirmative.

No further amendment being made, the bill was reported to the Senate and the amendment was concurred in.

Ordered, That the bill be engrossed and read a third time.

The said bill was read the third time and the title was amended.

On the question,

Shall the bill now pass?

It was determined in the affirmative,	(Yeas -----	12
	(Nays -----	6

On motion by Mr. Orr,

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present, Those who voted in the affirmative are,

Messrs. Brown, Graham, Haynes, Jenison, Johnson of Arkansas, Johnson of Missouri, Mitchel, Semmes, Sparrow, Walker, Watson, and Wigfall.

Those who voted on the negative are,

Messrs. Baker, Barnwell, Henry, Hunter, Johnson of Georgia, and Orr.

So it was

Resolved, That this bill pass, and that the title thereof be "An act providing for the establishment and payment of claims for a certain description of property taken or informally impressed for the use of the Army."

Ordered, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the House of Representatives therein.

The Senate proceeded, as in Committee of the Whole, to the consideration of the bill (H. R. 134) to amend an act entitled "An act to establish a niter and mining bureau," approved April 22, 1863; and

On motion by Mr. Johnson of Arkansas,

Ordered, That the further consideration thereof be postponed until to-morrow.

The Senate proceeded, as in Committee of the Whole, to the consideration of the bill (S. 64) to provide for the establishment of a bureau of polytechnics for the examination, experiment, and application of warlike inventions.

On motion by Mr. Wigfall, to amend the bill by inserting after "of," section 3, line 2, the words "such numbers of,"

It was determined in the affirmative.

On motion by Mr. Wigfall, to amend the bill by inserting after "construction," section 3, line 4, the words "as the service may require,"

It was determined in the affirmative.

On motion by Mr. Wigfall, to amend the bill by inserting after "President," section 3, line 4, the words "by and with the advice and consent of the Senate,"

It was determined in the affirmative.

On motion by Mr. Sparrow,

The Senate resolved into executive session.

The doors having been opened,

On motion by Mr. Graham,

The Senate adjourned.

SECRET SESSION.

Mr. Sparrow, from the Committee on Military Affairs, to whom was referred the bill (S. 65) to aid in the construction of ironclad gunboats for the defense of Western and Southern rivers, reported it with an amendment.

On motion by Mr. Mitchel,

The Senate resolved into open legislative session.

EXECUTIVE SESSION.

On motion by Mr. Sparrow,

Ordered, That the Secretary of the Senate transmit to the Adjutant-General, to be returned by him in ten days, the original lists of all nominations sent to the Senate at the last session which were postponed or continued for consideration until the present session.

On motion by Mr. Mitchel,

The Senate resolved into secret legislative session.

SATURDAY, JUNE 4, 1864.

OPEN SESSION.

A message from the House of Representatives, by Mr. Dalton:

Mr. President: The House of Representatives have passed bills of the following titles; in which they request the concurrence of the Senate:

H. R. 123. An act making appropriations for the support of the Government of the Confederate States of America from July 1 to December 31, 1864, and to supply a deficiency; and

H. R. 124. An act making appropriations for the postal service of the Confederate States for the year 1862 and 1863.

The House of Representatives have agreed to the amendments of the Senate to the following bills:

H. R. 8. An act to authorize the judge of the district court for the northern district of Georgia to change the place of holding said court; and

H. R. 92. An act to amend the act approved February 17, 1864, entitled "An act to allow commissioned officers of the Army rations and the privilege of purchasing clothing from the Quartermaster's Department;" and

H. R. 125. An act to establish certain post routes therein named.

Mr. Mitchel (by leave) introduced

A bill (S. 67) to organize a corps of scouts and guards to facilitate communication with the Trans-Mississippi Department; which was read the first and second times and referred to the Committee on Military Affairs.

Mr. Johnson of Missouri (by leave) introduced

A bill (S. 68) to provide for paying officers and soldiers the loss sustained by them on account of the depreciation of Confederate Treasury notes;

which was read the first and second times and referred to the Committee on Military Affairs.

A message from the House of Representatives, by Mr. Dalton:

Mr. President: The House of Representatives have passed the joint resolution of the Senate (S. 8) directing the settlement of the claim of Zedekiah McDaniel and Francis M. Ewing, for destroying the Federal gunboat Cairo by means of a torpedo, with an amendment; in which they request the concurrence of the Senate.

On motion by Mr. Jemison,

Ordered. That the memorial of John B. Read, of the State of Alabama, praying compensation for the use, by the Army and Navy of the Confederate States, of the "Read Shell," be taken from the files of the Senate and referred to the Committee on Naval Affairs.

Mr. Jemison submitted the following resolution; which was considered and agreed to:

Resolved, That the Senate will, during the remainder of the present session, take a recess daily, from the hour of half past three o'clock postmeridian to eight o'clock postmeridian.

Mr. Barnwell, from the Committee on Finance, to whom was referred the bill (H. R. 98) to amend an act entitled "An act to reduce the currency and to authorize a new issue of notes and bonds," approved February 17, 1864, reported it with the recommendation that it ought not to pass.

The Senate proceeded, as in Committee of the Whole, to the consideration of the said bill; and

On motion by Mr. Johnson of Arkansas, that the bill lie upon the table,

It was determined in the negative.

No amendment being proposed, the bill was reported to the Senate.

Ordered. That it pass to a third reading.

The said bill was read the third time.

On the question,

Shall the bill now pass?

It was determined in the affirmative,	} Yeas	11

On motion by Mr. Orr,

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present, Those who voted in the affirmative are,

Messrs. Baker, Brown, Haynes, Henry, Johnson of Missouri, Maxwell, Mitchel, Oldham, Simms, Walker, and Watson.

Those who voted in the negative are,

Messrs. Barnwell, Graham, Hunter, Jemison, Johnson of Georgia, Johnson of Arkansas, Orr, Semmes, Sparrow, and Wigtall.

So it was

Resolved, That this bill pass.

Ordered, That the Secretary inform the House of Representatives thereof.

On motion by Mr. Sparrow,

Ordered, That the Committee on Military Affairs be discharged from the further consideration of the following subjects:

Memorial of Theodoric C. Lyon;

Memorial of officers of the First Army Corps;

Memorial of the officers of Anderson's brigade; and

A resolution inquiring into the expediency of causing officers of the Quartermaster's and Commissary's Departments to be detailed or assigned to the duty of auditing and paying claims of the citizens of Louisiana for all property impressed by order of officers in the Confederate service, and for hire of teams or negroes.

A message from the House of Representatives, by Mr. Dalton:

Mr. President: The House of Representatives have passed bills and a joint resolution of the following titles; in which they request the concurrence of the Senate:

H. R. 138. An act to increase the compensation of the heads of the several Executive Departments and the Assistant Secretary of War and the Treasury;

H. R. 149. An act to amend an act entitled "An act to regulate the supplies of clothing to enlisted men of the Navy during the war," approved April 30, 1863; and

H. R. 12. Joint resolution to impose certain additional duties on the Quartermaster-General.

The House of Representatives have agreed to the report of the committee of conference on the disagreeing votes of the two Houses on the bill (S. 31) to promote the efficiency of the cavalry of the Provisional Army, and to punish lawlessness and irregularities of any portions thereof.

And they have passed bills of the Senate of the following titles:

S. 13. An act to extend to the Navy and Marine Corps the provisions of the third section of an act to organize forces to serve during the war, approved February 17, 1864; and

S. 14. An act to amend an act entitled "An act to provide an invalid corps," approved February 17, 1864.

The Speaker of the House of Representatives having signed two enrolled bills and an enrolled joint resolution, I am directed to bring them to the Senate for the signature of their President.

Mr. Sparrow, from the Committee on Military Affairs, who were instructed by a resolution of the Senate to inquire into the subject, reported

A bill (S. 69) to retire or drop field and company officers from the Army in certain cases;

which was read the first and second times and considered as in Committee of the Whole.

On motion by Mr. Walker, to amend the bill by striking out of the first section the words

and that hereafter no officer of the staff shall be assigned to command in the line, except in cases of emergency, until an appointment can be made,

It was determined in the negative.

No amendment being made, the bill was reported to the Senate.

Ordered, That it be engrossed and read a third time.

The said bill was read the third time.

Resolved, That it pass, and that the title thereof be as aforesaid.

Ordered, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the House of Representatives therein.

The following bills were severally read the first and second times and referred to the Committee on Finance:

H. R. 123. An act making appropriations for the support of the Government of the Confederate States of America from July 1 to December 31, 1864, and to supply a deficiency;

H. R. 124. An act making appropriations for the postal service of the Confederate States for the year 1862 and 1863; and

H. R. 138. An act to increase the compensation of the heads of the several Executive Departments and the Assistant Secretary of War and the Treasury.

The bill (H. R. 149) to amend an act entitled "An act to regulate the supplies of clothing to enlisted men of the Navy during the war," approved April 30, 1863, was read the first and second times and referred to the Committee on Naval Affairs.

The joint resolution (H. R. 12) to impose certain additional duties on the Quartermaster-General was read the first and second times and referred to the Committee on Military Affairs.

Mr. Maxwell, from the committee, reported that they had examined and found truly enrolled bills and a joint resolution of the following titles:

H. R. 8. An act to authorize the judges of the district courts of the Confederate States to appoint and change the times and places of holding the courts in their respective districts;

H. R. 125. An act to establish certain post routes therein named; and

H. R. 10. Joint resolution of thanks to the Ninth Regiment of Texas Infantry.

The President pro tempore having signed the enrolled bills and enrolled joint resolution last reported to have been examined, they were delivered to the Secretary of the Senate and by him forthwith presented to the President of the Confederate States for his approval.

The Senate proceeded to consider the amendment of the House of Representatives to the joint resolution (S. 8) directing the settlement of the claim of Zedekiah McDaniel and Francis M. Ewing, for destroying the Federal gunboat Cairo by means of a torpedo; and

Resolved, That they concur therein.

Ordered, That the Secretary of the Senate inform the House of Representatives thereof.

Mr. Sparrow, from the Committee on Military Affairs, to whom was referred the bill (H. R. 90) to authorize the President to confer temporary rank and command upon officers of the Provisional Army who may be assigned for special service, reported it with the recommendation that it ought not to pass.

Mr. Sparrow, from the Committee on Military Affairs, to whom was referred the bill (H. R. 12) to provide for the enrollment and conscription of certain noncommissioned officers and privates in the Trans-Mississippi Department, reported it with amendments.

The Senate resumed, as in Committee of the Whole, the consideration of the bill (H. R. 134) to amend an act entitled "An act to establish a niter and mining bureau," approved April 22, 1863; and having been amended on the motion of Mr. Burnett, it was reported to the Senate and the amendment was concurred in.

Ordered, That the amendment be engrossed and the bill read a third time.

The said bill as amended was read the third time.

Resolved, That it pass with an amendment.

Ordered, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the House of Representatives in the amendment.

On motion by Mr. Henry,

The Senate resolved into secret legislative session.

The doors having been opened,

The following message was received from the President of the Confederate States, by Mr. B. N. Harrison, his Secretary:

Mr. President: The President of the Confederate States, on the 2d instant, approved and signed an act (S. 33) to regulate the compensation and mileage of members of Congress and increase the compensation of the officers of the Senate and House of Representatives.

The President yesterday approved and signed an act (S. 22) to secure the prompt printing of the laws of the Confederate States.

The President has to-day approved and signed the following acts:

S. 15. An act to furnish transportation to officers of the Army and Navy while traveling under orders; and

S. 23. An act to provide for the appointment of additional military storekeepers in the Provisional Army of the Confederate States.

Ordered, That the Secretary inform the House of Representatives thereof.

The following message was received from the President of the Confederate States, by Mr. B. N. Harrison, his Secretary:

RICHMOND, VA., *June 4, 1864.*

To the Senate and House of Representatives:

I herewith transmit for your consideration communications from the proper officers, submitting estimates of the amount required to be appropriated for the period ending December 31, 1864, under the act approved June 2, 1864.

JEFFERSON DAVIS.

The message was read.

Ordered, That it be referred to the Committee on Finance.

The following message was received from the President of the Confederate States, by Mr. B. N. Harrison, his Secretary:

RICHMOND, VA., *June 2, 1864.*

To the Senate and House of Representatives:

I herewith transmit for your information a communication from the Secretary of War, covering copies of additional reports of military operations during the year 1863.

JEFFERSON DAVIS.

The message was read.

Ordered, That it be referred to the Committee on Military Affairs.

The following message was received from the President of the Confederate States, by Mr. B. N. Harrison, his Secretary:

RICHMOND, VA., *June 1, 1864.*

To the Senate and House of Representatives:

I herewith transmit for your information a communication from the Secretary of War, covering copies of several additional reports of military operations. It is suggested that these reports should not be published or used otherwise than for the information of Members and Senators of the Confederate States Congress.

JEFFERSON DAVIS.

The message was read.

Ordered, That it be referred to the Committee on Military Affairs.

Mr. Johnson of Arkansas submitted the following resolution; which was considered and agreed to:

Resolved, That the President pro tempore appoint a committee of three, who shall be empowered to inquire and, if practicable, to employ one or more competent ste-

nographers, by contract, subject to the ratification of the Senate, whose duty it shall be to report the debates and proceedings of the Senate, and who shall become officers of the Senate, incurring the obligations and taking the oath proper in their case as officers of the body; and that said committee make their report to the Senate at its next session.

Mr. Orr, Mr. Brown, and Mr. Johnson of Arkansas were appointed the committee under the resolution.

The hour of half past 3 o'clock having arrived, the Senate took a recess until 8 o'clock p. m.

8 O'CLOCK P. M.

A message from the House of Representatives, by Mr. Dalton:

Mr. President: The President of the Confederate States has notified the House of Representatives that on the 3d instant he approved and signed an act (H. R. 52) to amend an act entitled "An act to provide for holding elections of Representatives in the Congress of the Confederate States in the State of Tennessee," approved May 1, 1863.

And that he has to-day approved and signed a joint resolution (H. R. 9) responsive to the resolutions of the general assembly of Virginia "asserting the jurisdiction and sovereignty of the State of Virginia over her ancient boundaries."

Mr. Semmes submitted the following resolution for consideration:

Resolved (the House of Representatives concurring), That the time fixed for the adjournment of the present session of Congress be extended to Saturday, the eleventh day of June, eighteen hundred and sixty-four, and that the President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of Representatives adjourn their respective Houses, sine die, at twelve o'clock meridian on that day.

The Senate proceeded to consider the said resolution; and

On motion by Mr. Orr, to amend the resolution by striking out "Saturday, the eleventh," and inserting "Thursday, the ninth," and by striking out "twelve o'clock meridian" and inserting "four o'clock postmeridian,"

It was determined in the negative.

On motion by Mr. Jemison, that the further consideration of the resolution be postponed until Monday next.

It was determined in the negative.

On motion by Mr. Jemison, to reconsider the vote on disagreeing to the following amendment proposed to the resolution by Mr. Orr, viz: Strike out "Saturday, the eleventh," and insert "Thursday, the ninth," and strike out "twelve o'clock meridian" and insert "four o'clock postmeridian,"

It was determined in the negative.

The resolution was then agreed to.

On motion by Mr. Haynes, to reconsider the vote on agreeing to the resolution.

It was determined in the negative.

Ordered, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the House of Representatives in the resolution.

Mr. Sparrow, from the committee of conference on the part of the Senate on the disagreeing votes of the two Houses on the bill (S. 31) to promote the efficiency of the cavalry of the Provisional Army, and to punish lawlessness and irregularities of any portions thereof, reported

That they have met the managers on the part of the House of Representatives, and, after due conference, recommend that the amendment of the House to the bill of the Senate be concurred in with the following amendments:

After the words "officer or," in the third line, insert the word "officers," and after the word "soldier," in the fourth line, insert the words "or soldiers," and after the word "him," in the fifth line, insert the words "or them."

The Senate proceeded to consider the said report; and

Resolved, That they concur therein, and that the bill be amended accordingly.

Ordered, That the Secretary inform the House of Representatives thereof.

The Senate resumed, as in Committee of the Whole, the consideration of the bill (S. 64) to provide for the establishment of a bureau of polytechnics for the examination, experiment, and application of war-like inventions; and no further amendment being made, the bill was reported to the Senate.

Ordered, That it be engrossed and read a third time.

The said bill was read the third time.

On the question.

Shall the bill now pass?

After debate,

On motion by Mr. Johnson of Arkansas,

Ordered, That the further consideration thereof be postponed until Monday next.

The Senate resumed, as in Committee of the Whole, the consideration of the bill (H. R. 135) to increase the compensation of the assistant clerks in the Senate and House of Representatives.

On motion by Mr. Burnett, that the further consideration of the bill be postponed indefinitely,

It was determined in the negative,	{ Yeas.....	3
	{ Nays.....	17

On motion by Mr. Johnson of Arkansas,

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present,
Those who voted in the affirmative are,

Messrs. Burnett, Johnson of Arkansas, and Oldham.

Those who voted in the negative are,

Messrs. Barnwell, Brown, Graham, Haynes, Henry, Hill, Hunter, Johnson of Georgia, Johnson of Missouri, Maxwell, Mitchel, Orr, Semmes, Sparrow, Walker, Watson, and Wigfall.

On motion by Mr. Hill, to amend the bill by striking out "fifty per cent," lines 3 and 4, and inserting "thirty-three and one third per cent.,"

It was determined in the affirmative.

On motion by Mr. Graham, to amend the bill by inserting the following independent section:

SEC. 2. That the Sergeant-at-Arms of the Senate shall receive five hundred dollars, and the Doorkeeper of the Senate shall receive five hundred dollars, in addition to the amount now allowed by law, to continue only for the term of twelve months,

On motion by Mr. Simms, to amend the proposed amendment by striking out the words "the Sergeant-at-Arms of the Senate shall receive five hundred dollars, and," lines 1 and 2, and by striking out "five hundred dollars," line 4, and inserting in lieu thereof "one thousand dollars."

It was determined in the affirmative.

On motion by Mr. Johnson of Georgia, to amend the proposed amendment by inserting after "Doorkeeper," line 3, and the "Assistant Doorkeeper," and by inserting after "dollars," line 4, "each."

It was determined in the affirmative.

The amendment proposed by Mr. Graham, as amended, was then agreed to; and

On motion by Mr. Jemison,

Ordered, That the bill be recommitted to the Committee on Finance.

Mr. Johnson of Arkansas (by leave) introduced

A joint resolution (S. 11) relating to the exchange of the daily newspapers of the Confederate States with those of England and France; which was read the first and second times and considered as in Committee of the Whole; and no amendment being proposed, it was reported to the Senate.

Ordered, That it be engrossed and read a third time.

The said resolution was read the third time.

Resolved, That it pass, and that the title thereof be as aforesaid.

Ordered, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the House of Representatives therein.

On motion by Mr. Wigfall, that the vote on passing the bill (H. R. 98) to amend an act entitled "An act to reduce the currency and to authorize a new issue of notes and bonds," approved February 17, 1864, be reconsidered,

It was determined in the negative, { Yeas 11
Nays 12

On motion by Mr. Haynes,

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present,

Those who voted in the affirmative are,

Messrs. Barnwell, Burnett, Graham, Hill, Hunter, Jemison, Johnson of Georgia, Orr, Semmes, Sparrow, and Wigfall.

Those who voted in the negative are,

Messrs. Baker, Brown, Haynes, Henry, Johnson of Arkansas, Johnson of Missouri, Maxwell, Mitchel, Oldham, Simms, Walker, and Watson.

So the Senate refused to reconsider the vote on passing the said bill.

The Senate proceeded, as in Committee of the Whole, to the consideration of the bill (S. 36) to provide for the impressment of the railroad iron, equipments, and rolling stock of railroads when the same shall become necessary for the public defense, and to make further provisions for the efficient transportation of troops and military supplies; and

On motion by Mr. Graham, that the further consideration of the bill be postponed indefinitely,

On motion by Mr. Hill,

The Senate adjourned.

SECRET SESSION.

The Senate proceeded, as in Committee of the Whole, to the consideration of the bill (S. 65) to aid in the construction of ironclad gunboats for the defense of Western and Southern rivers; and the reported amendment having been agreed to, the bill was reported to the Senate and the amendment was concurred in.

Ordered, That the bill be engrossed and read a third time.

The said bill was read the third time.

Resolved, That it pass, and that the title thereof be as aforesaid.

Ordered, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the House of Representatives therein.

On motion by Mr. Sparrow,

The Senate resolved into executive session.

EXECUTIVE SESSION.

The following message was received from the President of the Confederate States, by Mr. B. N. Harrison, his Secretary:

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT, *Richmond, June 4, 1864.*

To the Senate of the Confederate States:

Agreeably to the recommendation of the Secretary of War, I nominate S. L. Oliver, of South Carolina, to be second lieutenant Company F, First South Carolina Regiment, in the Provisional Army of the Confederate States of America, under act approved April 16, 1862, for distinguished valor and skill.

JEFFERSON DAVIS.

WAR DEPARTMENT, *Richmond, June 3, 1864.*

SIR: I have the honor to recommend the nomination of S. L. Oliver, of South Carolina, to be second lieutenant Company F, First South Carolina Regiment, in the Provisional Army of the Confederate States of America, under act approved April 16, 1862, for distinguished valor and skill, to rank from May 6, 1864.

I am, sir, respectfully, your obedient servant,

JAMES A. SEDDON,
Secretary of War.

To His Excellency JEFFERSON DAVIS,
President, etc.

The message was read.

Ordered, That it be referred to the Committee on Military Affairs.

The following message was received from the President of the Confederate States, by Mr. B. N. Harrison, his Secretary:

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT, *Richmond, June 4, 1864.*

To the Senate of the Confederate States:

Agreeably to the recommendation of the Secretary of War, I nominate the officers on the accompanying list to the rank affixed to their names, respectively.

JEFFERSON DAVIS.

No. 36.]

WAR DEPARTMENT, *Richmond, June 3, 1864.*

SIR: I have the honor to recommend the following nominations for appointment in the Provisional Army of the Confederate States of America:

Captains.

George W. Lewellen, of Mississippi, to be captain Company K, Thirty-first Mississippi Regiment, the officers entitled to promotion waiving their claims, to rank April 5, 1864.

John William McCord, of Georgia, to be captain Company G, Thirtieth Georgia Regiment, the officers entitled to promotion found incompetent, to rank May 25, 1864.

First lieutenant.

Henry Pratt, of South Carolina, to be first lieutenant Company C, Seventeenth South Carolina Regiment, the officers entitled to promotion waiving their claims, to rank from May 24, 1864.

I am, sir, respectfully, your obedient servant,

JAMES A. SEDDON,
Secretary of War.

To His Excellency JEFFERSON DAVIS,
President, etc.

The message was read.

Ordered, That it be referred to the Committee on Military Affairs.

The following message was received from the President of the Confederate States, by Mr. B. N. Harrison, his Secretary:

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT, *Richmond, June 1, 1864.*

To the Senate of the Confederate States:

Agreeably to the recommendation of the Secretary of War, I nominate A. G. Lane, of Louisiana, to be a surgeon in the Provisional Army of the Confederate States of America, to rank from July 19, 1861.

JEFFERSON DAVIS.

WAR DEPARTMENT, *Richmond, June 1, 1864.*

SIR: I have the honor to recommend the nomination of A. G. Lane, of Louisiana, to be a surgeon in the Provisional Army of the Confederate States of America, to rank from July 19, 1861.

I am, sir, respectfully, your obedient servant,

JAMES A. SEDDON,
Secretary of War.

To His Excellency JEFFERSON DAVIS,
President, &c.

The following message was received from the President of the Confederate States, by Mr. B. N. Harrison, his Secretary:

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT, *Richmond, June 3, 1864.*

To the Senate of the Confederate States:

Agreeably to the recommendation of the Secretary of War, I nominate the officers on the accompanying list to the rank affixed to their names, respectively.

JEFFERSON DAVIS.

No. 31.]

WAR DEPARTMENT, *Richmond, June 3, 1864.*

SIR: I have the honor to recommend the following nominations for appointment in the Provisional Army of the Confederate States of America:

Colonels.

James F. Jones, of ———, to be colonel First Virginia Regiment, Forces Local Defense (Richmond, Va.), to rank from October 2, 1863.

Lieut. Col. John M. Martin, of Florida, to be colonel Ninth Florida Regiment, to rank from April 28, 1861.

Lieutenant-colonel.

Capt. T. C. Lipscomb, of Mississippi, to be lieutenant-colonel Sixth Mississippi Cavalry (organized from men recruited from within the enemy's lines), to rank from May 23, 1861.

Majors.

R. C. Morton, to be major Seventh Battalion Local Defense Forces (Niter Battalion, Richmond), to rank from May 5, 1861.

Capt. R. G. Brown, to be major Sixth Mississippi Cavalry Regiment (organized of men recruited within the lines of the enemy), to rank from May 23, 1861.

I am, sir, respectfully, your obedient servant,

JAMES A. SEDDON,
Secretary of War.

To His Excellency JEFFERSON DAVIS,
President, &c.

The message was read.

The Senate proceeded to consider the nomination of John M. Martin, to be colonel of the Ninth Florida Regiment; and

Resolved, That the Senate advise and consent to his appointment, agreeably to the nomination of the President.

Ordered, That the residue be referred to the Committee on Military Affairs.

On motion by Mr. Sparrow,

The Senate resolved into open legislative session.

MONDAY, JUNE 6, 1864.

OPEN SESSION.

A message from the House of Representatives, by Mr. Dalton:

Mr. President: The House of Representatives have agreed to the resolution of the Senate extending the time for the adjournment of the present session of Congress to Saturday, the 11th day of June, instant.

Mr. Oldham, from the Committee on Commerce, to whom was referred the bill (H. R. 147) to amend an act entitled "An act to impose regulations upon the foreign commerce of the Confederate States to provide for the public defense," approved February 6, 1864, reported it without amendment.

The Senate proceeded, as in Committee of the Whole, to the consideration of the said bill; and no amendment being proposed, it was reported to the Senate.

Ordered, That it pass to a third reading.

The said bill was read the third time.

Resolved, That it pass.

Ordered, That the Secretary inform the House of Representatives thereof.

Mr. Sparrow, from the Committee on Military Affairs, to whom was referred the joint resolution (S. 9) of thanks to Gen. E. Kirby Smith and the officers and soldiers of his command, reported it without amendment.

The Senate proceeded, as in Committee of the Whole, to the consideration of the said resolution; and no amendment being proposed, it was reported to the Senate.

Ordered, That it be engrossed and read a third time.

The said resolution was read the third time.

Resolved, That it pass, and that the title thereof be as aforesaid.

Ordered, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the House of Representatives therein.

Mr. Sparrow, from the Committee on Military Affairs, to whom was referred the bill (H. R. 106) to increase the compensation of the noncommissioned officers and privates of the Army of the Confederate States, reported it without amendment.

The Senate proceeded, as in Committee of the Whole, to the consideration of the said bill; and having been amended on the motion of Mr. Jemison, the bill was reported to the Senate and the amendments were concurred in.

Ordered, That the amendments be engrossed and the bill read a third time.

The said bill as amended was read the third time.

Resolved, That it pass with amendments.

Ordered, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the House of Representatives in the amendments.

Mr. Sparrow, from the Committee on Military Affairs, to whom was referred the bill (S. 56) to authorize the appointment of graduates of military institutions as cadets in the Provisional Army of the Confederate States of America, reported it with the recommendation that it ought not to pass.

Mr. Sparrow, from the Committee on Military Affairs, to whom was referred the bill (S. 54) to organize the light artillery of the Confederate States of America, reported it without amendment.

Mr. Sparrow, from the Committee on Military Affairs, to whom was referred the bill (H. R. 119) to amend so much of an act entitled "An act to organize forces to serve during the war," approved February 17, 1864, as relates to the exemption of certain religious denominations, reported it without amendment.

The Senate proceeded, as in Committee of the Whole, to the consid-

eration of the said bill; and no amendment being proposed, it was reported to the Senate.

Ordered, That it pass to a third reading.

The said bill was read the third time.

Resolved, That it pass.

Ordered, That the Secretary inform the House of Representatives thereof.

A message from the House of Representatives, by Mr. Dalton:

Mr. President: The House of Representatives insist on their amendments to the bill (S. 34) to provide for the compensation of noncommissioned officers, soldiers, sailors, and marines on detailed service; ask a conference on the disagreeing votes of the two Houses thereon, and have appointed Mr. Bridgers, Mr. Perkins, and Mr. Holliday managers at said conference on their part.

The Senate proceeded to consider the amendments of the House of Representatives to the bill (S. 34) to provide for the compensation of noncommissioned officers, soldiers, sailors, and marines on detailed service; and

On motion by Mr. Sparrow,

Resolved, That the Senate insist on their disagreement to the amendments of the House of Representatives to the said bill, and agree to the conference asked by the House on the disagreeing votes of the two Houses thereon.

On motion by Mr. Sparrow,

Ordered, That the committee of conference on the part of the Senate be appointed by the President pro tempore; and

Mr. Sparrow, Mr. Brown, and Mr. Mitchel were appointed.

Ordered, That the Secretary inform the House of Representatives thereof.

Mr. Sparrow, from the Committee on Military Affairs, to whom was referred the bill (H. R. 146) to amend an act entitled "An act regulating the granting of furloughs and discharges in hospitals," approved May 1, 1863, reported it with the recommendation that it ought not to pass.

Mr. Sparrow, from the Committee on Military Affairs, to whom was recommitted the amendments of the House of Representatives to the bill (S. 43) to regulate the pay of a general assigned to duty at the seat of government under the provisions of the act approved March 25, 1862, reported thereon.

The Senate proceeded to consider the amendments of the House of Representatives to the bill (S. 43) last mentioned; and

Resolved, That they agree to the amendments of the House of Representatives to the said bill, with amendments.

Ordered, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the House of Representatives in the amendments.

Mr. Sparrow, from the Committee on Military Affairs, to whom was referred the bill (S. 1) to provide and organize a general staff for armies in the field, to serve during the war, reported it with amendments.

Ordered, That the bill and amendments be printed.

Mr. Sparrow, from the Committee on Military Affairs, to whom was referred the joint resolution (H. R. 12) to impose certain additional duties on the Quartermaster-General, reported it without amendment.

The Senate proceeded, as in Committee of the Whole, to the consideration of the said resolution; and

On motion by Mr. Orr,

Ordered, That it be referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Mr. Sparrow, from the Committee on Military Affairs, to whom was referred the bill (S. 67) to organize a corps of scouts and guards to facilitate communication with the Trans-Mississippi Department, reported it with the recommendation that it ought not to pass.

On motion by Mr. Mitchel,

Ordered, That the bill be transferred to the Secret Legislative Calendar.

On motion by Mr. Sparrow,

Ordered, That the Committee on Military Affairs be discharged from the further consideration of the message of the President of the Confederate States, of the 30th [28th] of May last, stating his objections to the act passed at the last session of Congress entitled "An act to provide and organize a general staff for armies in the field, to serve during the war."

Mr. Semmes, from the Committee on Finance, to whom was referred the bill (H. R. 107) to amend the tax laws, reported it with amendments.

The Senate proceeded, as in Committee of the Whole, to the consideration of the said bill; and

On motion by Mr. Semmes,

Ordered, That the further consideration thereof be postponed to and made the special order for to-morrow at half past 12 o'clock, and that the amendments be printed.

Mr. Jemison submitted the following resolution; which was considered and agreed to:

Resolved, That the Committee on Post-Offices and Post-Roads be instructed to inquire into the practicability of having the Congressional mail matter in the post-office in this city distributed without unnecessary delay.

Mr. Brown, from the Committee on Naval Affairs, to whom was referred the bill (H. R. 149) to amend an act entitled "An act to regulate the supplies of clothing to enlisted men of the Navy during the war," approved April 30, 1863, reported it without amendment.

The Senate proceeded, as in Committee of the Whole, to the consideration of the said bill; and no amendment being proposed, it was reported to the Senate.

Ordered, That it pass to a third reading.

The said bill was read the third time.

Resolved, That it pass.

Ordered, That the Secretary inform the House of Representatives thereof.

Mr. Burnett, from the Committee on Claims, to whom was referred the memorial of Wellington Goddin, reported

A joint resolution (S. 12) for his relief;

which was read the first and second times and considered as in Committee of the Whole; and having been amended on the motion of Mr. Semmes, the resolution was reported to the Senate and the amendment was concurred in.

Ordered, That the resolution be engrossed and read a third time.

The said resolution was read the third time.

Resolved, That it pass, and that the title thereof be as aforesaid.

Ordered, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the House of Representatives therein.

On motion by Mr. Mitchel,

The Senate resolved into secret legislative session.

The doors having been opened,
On motion by Mr. Johnson of Missouri,
The Senate adjourned.

SECRET SESSION.

The Senate proceeded, as in Committee of the Whole, to the consideration of the bill (S. 67) to organize a corps of scouts and guards to facilitate communication with the Trans-Mississippi Department.

On motion by Mr. Semmes, to amend the bill by striking out, section 2, line 6, the words "whose duty it shall be to do" and insert in lieu thereof the word "for,"

It was determined in the affirmative.

On motion by Mr. Sparrow, to amend the bill by inserting at the end of the first section the words "or to assign any proper officers for that purpose,"

It was determined in the affirmative.

On motion by Mr. Sparrow, to amend the bill by striking out the words "of those not liable to conscription," section 2, lines 2 and 3,

It was determined in the affirmative.

On motion by Mr. Sparrow, to amend the bill by striking out all after the enacting clause and inserting:

That the President be, and he is hereby, requested to detail a competent military force to keep open and protect the communication and intercourse between the States east and west of the Mississippi River, and to afford proper escort and protection to any public property which it may be necessary to transmit across that river,

It was determined in the negative.

No further amendment being made, the bill was reported to the Senate and the amendments were concurred in.

Ordered, That the bill be engrossed and read a third time.

The said bill was read the third time.

Resolved, That it pass, and that the title thereof be as aforesaid.

Ordered, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the House of Representatives therein.

On motion by Mr. Wigfall,

The Senate resolved into executive session.

The Senate having again resolved into secret legislative session,

Mr. Hill (by leave) introduced

A joint resolution (S. 13) declaring the dispositions, principles, and purposes of the Confederate States in relation to the existing war with the United States; which was read the first and second times and ordered to be placed upon the Calendar and printed.

The hour of half past 3 o'clock having arrived,

The Senate took a recess until 8 o'clock p. m.

8 O'CLOCK P. M.

The Senate proceeded, as in Committee of the Whole, to the consideration of the joint resolution (S. 10) in relation to the opening of negotiations for peace between the Confederate States and the United States.

An amendment having been proposed by Mr. Henry,

After debate,

On motion by Mr. Johnson of Missouri,

The Senate resolved into open legislative session.

EXECUTIVE SESSION.

Mr. Sparrow, from the Committee on Military Affairs, to whom were referred the nominations of James Phelan, presiding judge, T. A. Jones and Winchester Hall, members, and Austin Pollard, judge-advocate, of military court attached to S. D. Lee's cavalry division; Alexander McKinstry, presiding judge, Daniel B. Wright, A. S. Marks, members, J. M. Scruggs, judge-advocate, of military court attached to N. B. Forrest's cavalry division; L. P. Walker, presiding judge, W. F. Dowd, John Chester, members, and John F. House, judge-advocate, of military court North Alabama; M. D. Graham, Louis Bush, presiding judges, W. H. Saunders, member, and O. R. Dawson, judge-advocate, of military courts, reported, with the recommendation that all of said nominations be confirmed.

The Senate proceeded to the consideration of said report; and in concurrence therewith, it was

Resolved, That the Senate advise and consent to their appointment, agreeably to the nominations of the President.

Mr. Sparrow, from the Committee on Military Affairs, to whom were referred the nominations of T. M. R. Talcott, to be colonel; W. W. Blackford, Henry T. Douglas, and S. W. Presstman, to be lieutenant-colonels; Peyton Randolph, R. P. Rowley, and J. W. Green, to be majors; J. M. Baldwin, J. J. Conway, G. W. Robertson, John Bradford, W. R. Johnson, G. C. Dickinson, H. T. Douglas, H. C. Derrick, T. M. Topp, W. Ballard Bruce, William Freret, W. R. De Voe, R. M. Venable, R. C. Slaughter, M. G. Howe, A. M. Williams, R. C. McCalla, H. N. Pharr, A. W. Gloster, E. Winston, W. T. Hart, W. A. Ramsey, Robert L. Cobb, W. A. C. Jones, L. Hutchinson, and J. W. McAlpin, to be captains; W. G. Williamson, S. H. Brown, H. H. Harris, G. P. C. Rumbough, E. N. Wise, C. W. Babbitt, T. J. Moncure, R. M. Sully, J. H. Haney, John Mhoon, J. L. Bartlett, D. E. Crossland, W. J. Ratliff, T. S. Newcomb, G. R. Margrave, J. S. Morrison, M. M. Long, James J. Davies, and R. A. O'Hea, to be first lieutenants; R. H. Griffin, D. S. Hessey, R. W. Peatross, W. A. Gordon, J. H. Gilmer, William Glenn, D. P. Woodruff, C. M. Bolton, C. F. Smith, C. E. Young, John M. Hood, J. J. Norwood, C. Maupin, E. B. Meade, John S. Mason, C. M. Davis, E. H. Wells, H. W. W. Reynolds, J. F. Ferguson, M. H. Smith, Jos. Seay, E. Sandcliff, A. Turnbull, James B. Perkins, Charles R. Boyd, W. D. Printz, M. F. Maury, P. W. Semmes, W. G. Halyburton, Hervey O. Minor, J. W. Chalmers, M. Huston, Charles Foster, Edward Malone, W. R. Campbell, and Thomas E. Marble, to be second lieutenants, reported, with the recommendation that all of said nominations be confirmed.

The Senate proceeded to the consideration of said report; and in concurrence therewith, it was

Resolved, That the Senate advise and consent to their appointment, agreeably to the nominations of the President.

Mr. Sparrow, from the Committee on Military Affairs, to whom were referred the nominations of James F. Jones, to be colonel; T. C. Lipscomb, to be lieutenant-colonel; R. C. Morton and R. G. Brown, to be majors; T. H. Williams, to be quartermaster, with the rank of major; Frank Lumpkin and R. J. Lee, to be assistant quartermasters, with the rank of captain; S. M. Routh, to be signal officer, with rank

of captain; J. N. Stubbs and J. L. Doggett, to be signal officers, with rank of first lieutenant; Skipwith Wilmer, signal officer, with rank of second lieutenant; A. G. Lane, to be surgeon; George W. Lewellen and John William McCord, to be captains; Henry Pratt, to be first lieutenant; S. L. Oliver, to be second lieutenant, reported, with the recommendation that all of said nominations be confirmed.

The Senate proceeded to the consideration of said report; and in concurrence therewith, it was

Resolved, That the Senate advise and consent to their appointment, agreeably to the nominations of the President.

Mr. Wigfall submitted the following resolution for consideration:

Resolved, That the President be requested to inform the Senate whether any officers appointed under the Provisional Government and not reappointed by and with the advice and consent of the Senate are still discharging the duties of the offices to which they were originally appointed.

Resolved, That the President be also respectfully requested to furnish the names of any such persons.

The Senate proceeded to consider said resolution; and

On motion by Mr. Hill,

Ordered, That the further consideration thereof be postponed until to-morrow.

On motion by Mr. Orr,

The Senate resolved into secret legislative session.

TUESDAY, JUNE 7, 1864.

OPEN SESSION.

A message from the House of Representatives, by Mr. Dalton:

Mr. President: The House of Representatives have passed the bill of the Senate (S. 38) for the payment of commissioners appointed under the act entitled "An act to suspend the privilege of the writ of habeas corpus in certain cases," and to confer certain powers upon said commissioners.

The Speaker of the House of Representatives having signed sundry enrolled bills and an enrolled joint resolution, I am directed to bring them to the Senate for the signature of their President.

Mr. Walker (by leave) introduced

A bill (S. 70) to amend an act entitled "An act to amend an act entitled 'An act to organize military courts to attend the Army of the Confederate States in the field, and to define the powers of said courts,'" approved February 13, 1864;

which was read the first and second times and referred to the Committee on Military Affairs.

Mr. Wigfall submitted the following resolution for consideration:

Resolved, That the President of the Confederate States be respectfully requested to inform the Senate whether any officers appointed under the Provisional Government and not reappointed by and with the advice and consent of the Senate are still discharging the duties of the offices to which they were originally appointed; and that he be also respectfully requested to furnish the names of such persons.

The Senate proceeded to the consideration of the said resolution; and

On motion by Mr. Hill, that the resolution be transferred to the Calendar of Executive Business.

It was determined in the affirmative,

Yea	13
Nay	7

On motion by Mr. Wigfall,

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present,
Those who voted in the affirmative are,

Messrs. Baker, Barnwell, Burnett, Henry, Hill, Hunter, Johnson of Georgia, Johnson of Arkansas, Maxwell, Mitchel, Semmes, Sparrow, and Watson.

Those who voted in the negative are,

Messrs. Brown, Graham, Haynes, Oldham, Orr, Walker, and Wigfall.

So it was

Ordered, That the resolution be transferred to the Calendar of Executive Business.

Mr. Maxwell, from the committee, reported that they had examined and found truly enrolled bills and a joint resolution of the following titles:

S. 13. An act to extend to the Navy and Marine Corps the provisions of the third section of an act to organize forces to serve during the war, approved February 17, 1864;

S. 14. An act to amend an act entitled "An act to provide an invalid corps," approved February 17, 1864;

S. 31. An act to promote the efficiency of the cavalry of the Provisional Army, and to punish lawlessness and irregularities of any portions thereof;

S. 8. Joint resolution directing the settlement of the claim of Zedekiah McDaniel and Francis M. Ewing, for destroying the Federal gunboat Cairo by means of a torpedo;

H. R. 92. An act to amend the act approved February 17, 1864, entitled "An act to allow commissioned officers of the Army rations and the privilege of purchasing clothing from the Quartermaster's Department;"

H. R. 98. An act to amend an act entitled "An act to reduce the currency and to authorize a new issue of notes and bonds," approved February 17, 1864;

H. R. 119. An act to amend so much of an act entitled "An act to organize forces to serve during the war," approved February 17, 1864, as relates to the exemption of certain religious denominations;

H. R. 147. An act to amend an act entitled "An act to impose regulations upon the foreign commerce of the Confederate States to provide for the public defense," approved February 6, 1864; and

H. R. 149. An act to amend an act entitled "An act to regulate the supplies of clothing to enlisted men of the Navy during the war," approved April 30, 1863.

The President pro tempore having signed the enrolled bills and enrolled joint resolution last reported to have been examined, they were delivered to the Secretary of the Senate and by him forthwith presented to the President of the Confederate States for his approval.

A message from the House of Representatives, by Mr. Dalton:

Mr. President: The House of Representatives have passed bills of the following titles; in which they request the concurrence of the Senate:

H. R. 112. An act to amend an act to organize forces to serve during the war, approved 17th February, 1864;

H. R. 150. An act concerning the salary of the Treasurer;

H. R. 151. An act to amend an act entitled "An act to reduce the currency and to authorize a new issue of bonds and Treasury notes," approved February 17, 1864;

H. R. 152. An act to amend the first section of an act entitled "An act to organize the clerical force of the Treasury Department," approved February 13, 1862; and

H. R. 153. An act to amend an act entitled "An act for the relief of taxpayers in certain cases," approved February 13, 1864.

The Senate resumed, as in Committee of the Whole, the consideration of the bill (H. R. 107) to amend the tax laws.

The first, second, third, fourth, fifth, sixth, and seventh amendments reported from the Committee on Finance having been agreed to,

On motion by Mr. Hill, to amend the bill by striking out the words "by refugees," section 2, line 8,

It was determined in the negative,	Yea	7
	Nay	10

On motion by Mr. Johnson of Arkansas,

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present,

Those who voted in the affirmative are,

Messrs. Baker, Brown, Graham, Hill, Johnson of Arkansas, Mitchel, and Sparrow.

Those who voted in the negative are,

Messrs. Barnwell, Haynes, Hunter, Jemison, Johnson of Georgia, Johnson of Missouri, Oldham, Orr, Semmes, and Walker.

On motion by Mr. Johnson of Georgia, to amend the bill by inserting after "slaves," section 2, line 4, the words "cotton, tobacco,"

It was determined in the affirmative.

On the question to agree to the following reported amendment, viz: Strike out the words "and residence," section 2, line 9,

It was determined in the negative.

An amendment having been proposed to the bill by Mr. Sparrow,

After debate.

On motion by Mr. Johnson of Arkansas,

Ordered, That the further consideration of the bill be postponed for the present.

The following message was received from the President of the Confederate States, by Mr. B. N. Harrison, his Secretary:

To the Senate of the Confederate States:

I regret that a sense of duty compels me to return to the Senate, without my signature, a joint resolution which originated in your honorable body, entitled "Joint resolution in regard to the exemption of editors and employees of newspapers."

The terms of this resolution extend to editors of magazines and periodicals other than newspapers, together with their employees, the same exemption from military service as is now accorded in favor of newspapers.

I see no reason for exempting these citizens from the duty of defending their country which would not apply to all authors, publishers, booksellers, printers, and other persons connected with the publication of books, pamphlets, religious tracts, and other reading matter. At a moment when our lives, our liberty, and our independence are threatened by the utmost power of our enemies, when every citizen capable of bearing arms ought to be found in the ranks, I can not but deem it impolitic to add to the list of exemptions without the most urgent necessity. Seeing no such necessity, and believing the precedent set by this resolution, if passed, to be productive of evil effect, I am constrained to return it without my approval.

JEFFERSON DAVIS.

RICHMOND, June 6, 1864.

The message was read.

The Senate proceeded to reconsider the joint resolution (S. 7) returned by the President with his objections; which resolution is in the following words:

Joint resolution in regard to the exemption of editors and employees of newspapers.

Resolved by the Congress of the Confederate States of America, That so much of the tenth section of the act entitled "An act to organize forces to serve during the war,"

approved seventeenth February, eighteen hundred and sixty-four, as exempts from military service one editor for each newspaper being published at the time of the passage of the act, and such employees as said editor may certify on oath to be indispensable to the publication thereof, shall be understood to include magazines and other periodicals published before, and at the time of the passage of the said act.

TH. S. BOCKOCK,

Speaker of the House of Representatives.

R. M. T. HUNTER,

President pro tempore of the Senate.

I certify that this resolution originated in the Senate.

JAMES H. NASH,

Secretary.

On motion by Mr. Sparrow,

Ordered, That the further consideration of the resolution be postponed to and made the special order for to-morrow at 20 minutes past 12 o'clock.

The following message was received from the President of the Confederate States, by Mr. B. N. Harrison, his Secretary:

To the Senate of the Confederate States of America:

A bill, which originated in the Senate, entitled "An act to authorize the appointment of additional officers of artillery for ordnance duties," has been presented for my signature, but it contains a provision founded on an error of fact which compels me to return it without approval, that the error may be corrected.

The bill contains the following proviso: "*Provided*, That acting ordnance officers having been found duly qualified for appointment according to the regulations of the War Department, and being already on duty in the field under the orders of the Secretary of War, shall have preference of appointment under this act." There are no acting ordnance officers on duty in the field, and I learn on inquiry that the persons so designated are in reality merely employees of the Ordnance Bureau for the performance of ordnance duties in the field in the absence of legislation authorizing the appointment of officers. This proviso therefore has the effect, under an error of fact apparent in its terms, of restricting the Executive, in the choice of persons to fill the offices created by the bill, to a list of employees selected by a chief of bureau, which is plainly not in accordance with the expressed intention of Congress, nor with the terms of the Constitution.

JEFFERSON DAVIS.

RICHMOND, June 7, 1864.

The message was read.

The Senate proceeded to reconsider the bill (S. 24) returned by the President with his objections; which bill is in the following words:

An act to authorize the appointment of additional officers of artillery for ordnance duties.

The Congress of the Confederate States of America do enact, That the President, by and with the advice and consent of the Senate, may appoint fifty officers of artillery in the Provisional Army for the performance of ordnance duties in addition to those authorized by the act entitled "An act to authorize the appointment of officers of artillery in the Provisional Army," approved April twenty-first, eighteen hundred and sixty-two, and "An act to authorize the appointment of additional officers of artillery for ordnance duties," approved September sixteenth, eighteen hundred and sixty-two, and that the rank of said officers shall be as provided in said last-named act: *Provided*, That acting ordnance officers having been found duly qualified for appointment according to the regulations of the War Department, and being already on duty in the field under the orders of the Secretary of War, shall have preference of appointments under this act.

TH. S. BOCKOCK,

Speaker of the House of Representatives.

R. M. T. HUNTER,

President pro tempore of the Senate.

I certify that this act originated in the Senate.

JAMES H. NASH,

Secretary.

On motion by Mr. Johnson of Arkansas,

Ordered, That the further consideration of the bill be postponed to and made the special order for this evening at 10 minutes past 8 o'clock.

Mr. Semmes, from the Committee on the Judiciary, to whom was referred the joint resolution (H. R. 12) to impose certain additional duties on the Quartermaster-General, reported it with the recommendation that it ought not to pass.

Mr. Semmes, from the Committee on the Judiciary, reported

A bill (S. 71) in relation to the salary of the President which was read the first and second times and ordered to be placed upon the Calendar.

Mr. Barnwell, from the Committee on Finance, to whom was referred the bill (H. R. 108) to amend the laws relating to the tax in kind, reported it with amendments.

The Senate proceeded, as in Committee of the Whole, to the consideration of the said bill; and the reported amendments having been agreed to, the bill was reported to the Senate and the amendments were concurred in.

Ordered, That the amendments be engrossed and the bill read a third time.

The said bill as amended was read the third time.

Resolved, That it pass with amendments.

Ordered, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the House of Representatives in the amendments.

On motion by Mr. Sparrow,

The Senate resolved into executive session.

The doors having been opened,

Mr. Barnwell, from the Committee on Finance, to whom was referred the bill (H. R. 124) making appropriations for the postal service of the Confederate States for the year 1862 and 1863, reported it without amendment.

The Senate proceeded, as in Committee of the Whole, to the consideration of the said bill; and no amendment being proposed, it was reported to the Senate.

Ordered, That it pass to a third reading.

The said bill was read the third time.

Resolved, That it pass.

Ordered, That the Secretary inform the House of Representatives thereof.

Mr. Barnwell, from the Committee on Finance, to whom was referred the bill (H. R. 148) to raise money to increase the pay of soldiers, reported it without amendment.

The Senate proceeded, as in Committee of the Whole, to the consideration of the said bill; and

On motion by Mr. Orr,

Ordered, That the further consideration thereof be postponed until to-morrow.

Mr. Barnwell, from the Committee on Finance, to whom was referred the bill (H. R. 138) to increase the compensation of the heads of the several Executive Departments and the Assistant Secretary of War and the Treasury, reported it with amendments.

The Senate proceeded, as in Committee of the Whole, to the consideration of the said bill; and

After debate,
The hour of half past 3 o'clock having arrived,
The Senate took a recess until 8 o'clock p. m.

8 O'CLOCK P. M.

The Senate resumed, as in Committee of the Whole, the consideration of the bill (H. R. 138) to increase the compensation of the heads of the several Executive Departments and the Assistant Secretary of War and the Treasury.

The amendments reported from the Committee on Finance having been agreed to,

On motion by Mr. Johnson of Arkansas, to amend the bill by inserting after "Treasury," line 4, the words "of the Assistant Attorney-General,"

It was determined in the affirmative.

On motion by Mr. Orr, to amend the bill by inserting after "Attorney-General," line 4, the words "and the Comptroller of the Treasury,"

It was determined in the affirmative.

On motion by Mr. Brown, to amend the bill by inserting after "Comptroller of the Treasury," line 4, the words "and of the First, Second, and Third Auditors of the Treasury and the Commissioner of Patents,"

It was determined in the negative.

No further amendment being made, the bill was reported to the Senate and the amendments were concurred in.

Ordered, That the amendments be engrossed and the bill read a third time.

The said bill as amended was read the third time.

Resolved, That it pass with amendments.

On motion by Mr. Semmes, the title was amended to read: "An act to increase the compensation of the heads of the several Executive Departments and the Assistant Secretary of War and the Treasury and of the Assistant Attorney-General and the Comptroller of the Treasury."

Ordered, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the House of Representatives in the amendments.

Mr. Barnwell, from the Committee on Finance, to whom was recommitteed the bill (H. R. 135) to increase the compensation of the assistant clerks in the Senate and House of Representatives, reported it with the recommendation that it ought not to pass.

The Senate proceeded, as in Committee of the Whole, to the consideration of the said bill; and no further amendment being made, it was reported to the Senate and the amendments were concurred in.

On the question,

Shall the amendments be engrossed and the bill read a third time?

It was determined in the negative.

So the bill was rejected.

Ordered, That the Secretary inform the House of Representatives thereof.

A message from the House of Representatives, by Mr. Dalton:

Mr. President: The House of Representatives have agreed to the amendments of the Senate to the following bills:

H. R. 106. An act to increase the compensation of the noncommissioned officers and privates of the Army of the Confederate States; and

H. R. 134. An act to amend an act entitled "An act to establish a niter and mining bureau," approved April 22, 1863.

They have passed the bill of the Senate (S. 59) to authorize the owners of the registered eight per cent ten-year convertible bonds issued under the provisions of the act approved May 16, 1861, to exchange the same for coupon bonds, with an amendment; in which they request the concurrence of the Senate.

And they have agreed to the amendments of the Senate to the amendments of the House of Representatives to the bill (S. 43) to regulate the pay of a general assigned to duty at the seat of government under the provisions of the act approved March 25, 1862.

The President of the Confederate States has notified the House of Representatives that on the 4th instant he approved and signed the following acts and joint resolution:

H. R. 8. An act to authorize the judges of the district courts of the Confederate States to appoint and change the times and places of holding the courts in their respective districts:

H. R. 125. An act to establish certain post routes therein named; and

H. R. 10. Joint resolution of thanks to the Ninth Regiment of Texas Infantry.

The Senate resumed, as in Committee of the Whole, the consideration of the bill (H. R. 107) to amend the tax laws.

An amendment having been proposed by Mr. Sparrow,

A debate arose; and

On motion by Mr. Simms,

The Senate adjourned.

EXECUTIVE SESSION.

The following message was received from the President, by Mr. B. N. Harrison, his Secretary:

CONFEDERATE STATES OF AMERICA, EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT,
Richmond, June 6, 1864.

To the Senate of the Confederate States:

Agreeably to the recommendation of the Secretary of War, I nominate the officers on the accompanying list to the rank affixed to their names, respectively, being part of the nominations made at the last session of the Senate for confirmation, and which were postponed until after its adjournment.

JEFFERSON DAVIS.

No. 29.]

WAR DEPARTMENT, *Richmond, June 2, 1864.*

SIR: I have the honor to recommend the following nominations for appointment in the Provisional Army of the Confederate States of America, being for appointments for which nominations were made and postponed at the last session of the Senate:

Captains.

Maynard Gill, of Mississippi, to be captain Company E, Thirty-first Mississippi Regiment, the officers entitled to promotion found incompetent, to rank from May 2, 1863.

L. W. Farmer, of Georgia, to be captain Company G, Thirty-eighth Georgia Regiment, the officers entitled to promotion found incompetent, to rank from May 2, 1863.

John F. Tompkins, of Virginia, to be captain Company A, Twenty-second Virginia Battalion, the officers entitled to promotion waiving their claims, to rank from November 15, 1862.

S. A. Ragland, of Arkansas, to be captain Company F, Twenty-sixth Arkansas Regiment, the officers entitled to promotion found incompetent, to rank from May 20, 1863.

W. C. Bourn, of Virginia, to be captain Company I, Fifty-first Virginia Regiment, the officers entitled to promotion waiving their claims, to rank from May 28, 1863.

John M. Preston, of Virginia, to be captain Company B, Forty-eighth Virginia Regiment, the officers entitled to promotion waiving their claims, to rank from May 26, 1863.

F. S. White, of Arkansas, to be captain Company E, Fifth Arkansas Regiment, the officers entitled to promotion waiving their claims, to rank from June 3, 1863.

S. H. Newberry, of Virginia, to be captain Company F, Fifty-first Virginia Regiment, the officers entitled to promotion waiving their claims, to rank from May 29, 1863.

H. T. Coffee, of Mississippi, to be captain Company A, Forty-eighth Mississippi Regiment, the officers entitled to promotion waiving their claims, to rank from June 9, 1863.

H. W. Abernethy, of North Carolina, to be captain Company A, Thirty-fourth North Carolina Regiment, the officers entitled to promotion found incompetent, to rank from June 6, 1863.

James L. Clark, of Virginia, to be captain Company F, Twelfth Virginia Regiment, the officers entitled to promotion waiving their claims, to rank from June 16, 1863.

E. M. Clayton, of North Carolina, to be captain Company K, Sixtieth North Carolina Regiment, the first lieutenant found incompetent, the remaining officers waiving their claims, to rank from June 17, 1863.

B. B. Bower, of Georgia, to be captain Company B, Sixty-second Georgia Regiment, the officers entitled to promotion waiving their claims, to rank from May 2, 1863.

George T. Fry, of Tennessee, to be captain Company H, Thirty-seventh Tennessee Regiment, the officers entitled to promotion waiving their claims, to rank from May 2, 1863.

W. H. Bray, of Virginia, to be captain Company B, Fifty-third Virginia Regiment, the officers entitled to promotion found incompetent, to rank from July 27, 1863.

G. Dewson, of Florida, to be captain Company G, First Florida Cavalry Regiment (no material in the regiment fit for promotion), to rank from August 6, 1863.

Isham M. Blake, of Florida, to be captain Company B, First Florida Cavalry Regiment (no material in the regiment fit for promotion), to rank from August 6, 1863.

J. M. Footman, of Florida, to be captain Company E, First Florida Cavalry Regiment (no material in the regiment fit for promotion), to rank from August 6, 1863.

D. E. Maxwell, of Florida, to be captain Company D, First Florida Cavalry Regiment (no material in the regiment fit for promotion), to rank from August 6, 1863.

G. F. Robinson, of Georgia, to be captain Company K, Thirty-eighth Georgia Regiment, the officers entitled to promotion waiving their claims and unanimous wish of the company, to rank from August 18, 1863.

Joseph H. Du Pont, of Florida, to be captain Company H, First Florida Cavalry Regiment, the officers entitled to promotion waiving their claims, to rank from August 27, 1863.

Love E. Gilbert, of Alabama, to be captain Company F, Twenty-eighth Alabama Regiment, to rank from September 17, 1863.

J. F. Tucker, of Florida, to be captain Bryan's Company Florida Volunteers, the officers entitled to promotion declining to appear before an examining board, to rank from October 11, 1863.

C. M. B. Thurmond, of Missouri, to be captain Company F, Second Missouri Regiment, the officers entitled to promotion waiving their claims, to rank from July 20, 1863.

R. N. Thomas, of Virginia, to be captain Company G, Fifty-sixth Virginia Regiment, the officers entitled to promotion found incompetent, to rank from October 16, 1863.

J. A. Shaw, of Florida, to be captain Company A, Eighth Florida Regiment, the officers entitled to promotion found incompetent, to rank from May 29, 1863.

Thomas T. Slade, of North Carolina, to be captain Company H, Twenty-second North Carolina Regiment, the officers entitled to promotion found incompetent, to rank from October 27, 1863.

First lieutenants.

T. A. Gatch, of Virginia, to be first lieutenant Company H, Sixth Virginia Regiment, the officers entitled to promotion found incompetent, to rank from May 2, 1863.

S. A. Willcoxon, of Alabama, to be first lieutenant Company B, Sixth Alabama Regiment, the officers entitled to promotion found incompetent, to rank from May 20, 1863.

C. S. Findley, of Georgia, to be first lieutenant Company G, Thirty-second Georgia Regiment, the officers entitled to promotion found incompetent, to rank from June 4, 1863.

R. G. Redwood, of Alabama, to be first lieutenant Company K, Forty-third Alabama Regiment, the officers entitled to promotion found incompetent, to rank from June 23, 1863.

M. E. Brock, of Florida, to be first lieutenant Company B, First Florida Cavalry Regiment (no material in the regiment fit for promotion), to rank from August 6, 1863.

F. P. Fleming, of Florida, to be first lieutenant Company D, First Florida Cavalry Regiment (no material in the regiment fit for promotion), to rank from August 6, 1863.

R. F. Hart, of Florida, to be first lieutenant Company E, First Florida Cavalry Regiment (no material in the regiment fit for promotion), to rank from August 6, 1863.

R. K. Taylor, of Florida, to be first lieutenant Company G, First Florida Cavalry Regiment (no material in the regiment fit for promotion), to rank from August 6, 1863.

John W. Nash, of Florida, to be first lieutenant Company I, First Florida Cavalry Regiment (no material in the regiment fit for promotion), to rank from August 6, 1863.

F. T. Rice, of Tennessee, to be first lieutenant Company K, Ninth Tennessee Regiment, the officers entitled to promotion found incompetent, to rank from August 4, 1863.

E. H. Holton, of Arkansas, to be first lieutenant Company D, Eighth Arkansas Regiment, the officers entitled to promotion found incompetent, to rank from August 16, 1863.

James Reid, of Louisiana, to be first lieutenant of Company D, Fourth Louisiana Regiment, the officers entitled to promotion found incompetent, to rank from May 2, 1863.

L. S. Warren, of Mississippi, to be first lieutenant Company H, Eighth Mississippi Regiment, the officers entitled to promotion found incompetent, to rank from August 28, 1863.

E. J. Williams, of North Carolina, to be first lieutenant Company I, Thirty-first North Carolina Regiment, the officers entitled to promotion waiving their claims, to rank from October 9, 1863.

E. J. Bowen, of North Carolina, to be first lieutenant Company K, Thirty-first North Carolina Regiment, the officers entitled to promotion waiving their claims, to rank from October 21, 1863.

J. N. Turner, of North Carolina, to be first lieutenant Company F, Fifteenth North Carolina Regiment, the officers entitled to promotion waiving their claims, to rank from November 9, 1863.

E. A. Williams, of Virginia, to be first lieutenant Company G, Fourteenth Virginia Regiment, the officers entitled to promotion waiving their claims, to rank from November 10, 1863.

Second Lieutenants.

O. S. Cohen, of Georgia, to be second lieutenant Company G, Thirty-second Georgia Regiment, the officer elected found to be incompetent, to rank from June 4, 1863.

W. M. Mittag, of North Carolina, to be second lieutenant Company H, Thirty-fourth North Carolina Regiment (no material in the company to select from), to rank from June 6, 1863.

John F. Toulmin, of Alabama, to be second lieutenant Company B, Twenty-first Alabama Regiment (at three elections the company failed to elect a competent officer), to rank from May 21, 1863.

T. H. Davis, of North Carolina, to be second lieutenant Company D, Thirty-fourth North Carolina Regiment (no material in the company to select from), to rank from June 6, 1863.

E. F. Cordell, of Virginia, to be second lieutenant Company C, Sixtieth Virginia Regiment, appointed by the colonel and ratified by the company, to rank from September 1, 1862.

W. C. Wall, of Virginia, to be second lieutenant Company F, Twenty-third Virginia Regiment (no material in the company to select from), to rank from May 22, 1863.

P. A. Rutledge, of Alabama, to be second lieutenant Company G, Twenty-fifth Alabama Regiment (at several elections the company failed to elect a competent officer), to rank from July 8, 1863.

John L. Boswell, of Virginia, to be second lieutenant Company D, Sixtieth Virginia Regiment, appointed by the colonel and ratified by the company, to rank from August 27, 1862.

H. F. Horne, of Florida, to be second lieutenant Company G, First Florida Cavalry Regiment (no material in the company to select from), to rank from May 2, 1863.

George W. Dell, of Florida, to be second lieutenant Company I, First Florida Cavalry Regiment (no material in the company to select from), to rank from May 2, 1863.

Nicholas W. Eppes, of Florida, to be second lieutenant Company H, First Florida Cavalry Regiment (no material in the company to select from), to rank from May 2, 1863.

J. B. Corkern, of Louisiana, to be second lieutenant Company B, Fourth Louisiana Regiment, the officer elected found to be incompetent, to rank from May 2, 1863.

D. B. Gorham, of Louisiana, to be second lieutenant Company H, Fourth Louisiana Regiment, the officer elected found to be incompetent, to rank from May 2, 1863.

W. T. McJilton, of Louisiana, to be second lieutenant Company E, Fourth Louisiana Regiment, the officer elected found to be incompetent, to rank from May 2, 1863.

Daniel McCarthy, of Louisiana, to be second lieutenant Company D, Fourth Louisiana Regiment, the officer elected found to be incompetent, to rank from May 2, 1863.

A. W. Roberts, of Louisiana, to be second lieutenant Company C, Fourth Louisiana Regiment, the officer elected found to be incompetent, to rank from May 3, 1863.

E. A. Carmouche, of Louisiana, to be second lieutenant Company F, Fourth Louisiana Regiment, the officer elected found to be incompetent, to rank from May 3, 1863.

W. G. Hinson, of ———, to be second lieutenant Rutledge Mounted Rifle and Horse Artillery Squadron, to rank from August 15, 1863.

C. T. Pollard, of Alabama, to be second lieutenant Company K, Thirty-eighth Alabama Regiment, the officer elected found to be incompetent, to rank from August 20, 1863.

Horatio Davis, of North Carolina, to be second lieutenant Moore's Battery Light Artillery, to rank from August 20, 1863.

A. C. Massenburg, of North Carolina, to be second lieutenant Company D, Fifteenth North Carolina Regiment, the officer elected found to be incompetent, to rank from September 2, 1863.

William Ayres, of Mississippi, to be second lieutenant Company K, Thirty-fourth Mississippi Regiment (at two elections the company failed to elect a competent officer), to rank from May 2, 1863.

George Poindexter, of Mississippi, to be second lieutenant Madison Light Artillery, the officer elected found to be incompetent, to rank from July 30, 1863.

C. C. Croxton, of Virginia, to be second lieutenant Company K, Fourth Virginia Cavalry Regiment, the officer elected found to be incompetent, to rank from May 2, 1863.

William Knox, of Alabama, to be second lieutenant First Alabama Battalion Artillery, to rank from October 5, 1863.

John A. Cannon, of North Carolina, to be second lieutenant Moore's battery (Sergeant-Major Cannon was in command of the company from the 19th May, all of the officers being either killed or wounded), to rank from October 31, 1863.

M. T. Hutchinson, of South Carolina, to be second lieutenant Company I, Fourteenth South Carolina Regiment, the officer elected found to be incompetent, to rank from November 5, 1863.

A. B. Barnett, of Missouri, to be second lieutenant Company A, First Missouri Regiment (no material in the company to select from), to rank from November 13, 1863.

G. A. Foote, of Missouri, to be second lieutenant Company K, First Missouri Regiment (no material in the company to select from), to rank from November 13, 1863.

P. W. Collins, of Missouri, to be second lieutenant Company D, First Missouri Regiment (no material in the company to select from), to rank from November 13, 1863.

I am, sir, respectfully, your obedient servant,

JAMES A. SEDDON,
Secretary of War.

To His Excellency JEFFERSON DAVIS,
President, &c.

The message was read.

Ordered. That it be referred to the Committee on Military Affairs.

The following message was received from the President of the Confederate States, by Mr. B. N. Harrison, his Secretary:

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT, CONFEDERATE STATES OF AMERICA,
Richmond, June 6, 1864.

To the Senate of the Confederate States:

Agreeably to the recommendation of the Secretary of War, I nominate the officers on the accompanying list to the rank affixed to their names, respectively, being part of the nominations made at the last session of the Senate for confirmation, and which were postponed until after its adjournment.

JEFFERSON DAVIS.

No. 39.] WAR DEPARTMENT, CONFEDERATE STATES OF AMERICA,
Richmond, June 4, 1864.

SIR: I have the honor to recommend the following nominations for appointment in the Provisional Army of the Confederate States of America, being appointments for which nominations were made at the last session of the Senate and by it postponed.

Signal officers—second lieutenants.

Charles H. Cawood, of Virginia, to take rank from June 26, 1863; Edward S. Ruggles, of Texas, to take rank from August 19, 1863; W. C. Schley, of Maryland, to take rank from November 3, 1863.

I am, sir, respectfully, your obedient servant,

JAMES A. SEDDON,
Secretary of War.

To His Excellency JEFFERSON DAVIS,
President, etc.

The message was read.

Ordered. That it be referred to the Committee on Military Affairs.

The following messages were received from the President of the Confederate States, by Mr. B. N. Harrison, his Secretary:

To the Senate of the Confederate States:

Agreeably to the recommendation of the Secretary of the Navy, I hereby nominate the person named upon the annexed list to the office designated.

JEFFERSON DAVIS.

RICHMOND, VA., *June 6, 1864.*

NAVY DEPARTMENT, CONFEDERATE STATES OF AMERICA,
Richmond, June 2, 1864.

The PRESIDENT.

SIR: I have the honor to recommend the following nomination for appointment in the Marine Corps:

Second lieutenant.

J. Du Bose Roberts, of South Carolina, vice James F. Claiborne, dismissed.

I am, respectfully, your obedient servant,

S. R. MALLORY,
Secretary of the Navy.

To the Senate of the Confederate States:

Agreeably to the recommendation of the Secretary of the Navy, I hereby nominate the person named upon the annexed list to the office designated.

JEFFERSON DAVIS.

RICHMOND, VA., *June 6, 1864.*

NAVY DEPARTMENT, CONFEDERATE STATES OF AMERICA,
Richmond, June 4, 1864.

The PRESIDENT.

SIR: I have the honor to recommend the following nomination for appointment in the Provisional Navy:

Assistant paymaster.

William A. Hearne, of Arkansas.

I am, respectfully, your obedient servant,

S. R. MALLORY,
Secretary of the Navy.

The messages were read.

Ordered. That they be referred to the Committee on Naval Affairs.

The following message was received from the President of the Confederate States, by Mr. B. N. Harrison, his Secretary:

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT, CONFEDERATE STATES OF AMERICA,
Richmond, June 4, 1864.

To the Senate of the Confederate States:

Agreeably to the recommendation of the Secretary of War, I nominate Cadet E. O. Sykes, of Mississippi, for appointment as second lieutenant of infantry in the Army of the Confederate States of America.

JEFFERSON DAVIS.

WAR DEPARTMENT, CONFEDERATE STATES OF AMERICA,
Richmond, June 3, 1864.

SIR: I have the honor to recommend the nomination of Cadet E. O. Sykes, of Mississippi, to be second lieutenant of infantry in the Army of the Confederate States of America, to rank from March 9, 1864.

I am, sir, respectfully, your obedient servant,

JAMES A. SEDDON,
Secretary of War.

To His Excellency JEFFERSON DAVIS,
President, etc.

The message was read.

Ordered, That it be referred to the Committee on Military Affairs.

The following message was received from the President of the Confederate States, by Mr. B. N. Harrison, his Secretary:

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT, CONFEDERATE STATES OF AMERICA,
Richmond, June 6, 1864.

To the Senate of the Confederate States:

Agreeably to the recommendation of the Secretary of War, I nominate the officers on the accompanying list to the rank affixed to their names, respectively.

JEFFERSON DAVIS.

No. 43.] WAR DEPARTMENT, CONFEDERATE STATES OF AMERICA,
Richmond, June 4, 1864.

SIR: I have the honor to recommend the following nominations for temporary appointment (under act approved May 31, 1864) in the Provisional Army of the Confederate States of America:

Brigadier-generals.

Col. D. A. Weisiger, of Virginia, to take rank from May 31, 1864.

Col. J. C. C. Sanders, of Alabama, to take rank from May 31, 1864.

I am, sir, respectfully, your obedient servant,

JAMES A. SEDDON,
Secretary of War.

To His Excellency JEFFERSON DAVIS,
President, etc.

The message was read.

The Senate proceeded to consider the nominations of D. A. Weisiger and J. C. C. Sanders, for temporary appointment (under act approved May 31, 1864) as brigadier-generals; and

Resolved, That the Senate advise and consent to the temporary appointment of D. A. Weisiger and J. C. C. Sanders, to be brigadier-generals, agreeably to the nomination of the President.

The following messages were received from the President of the Confederate States, by Mr. B. N. Harrison, his Secretary:

CONFEDERATE STATES OF AMERICA, EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT,
Richmond, June 4, 1864.

To the Senate of the Confederate States:

Agreeably to the recommendation of the Secretary of War, I nominate the officers on the accompanying list to the rank affixed to their names, respectively.

JEFFERSON DAVIS.

No. 30.] CONFEDERATE STATES OF AMERICA, WAR DEPARTMENT,
Richmond, June 3, 1864.

SIR: I have the honor to recommend the following nominations for promotion in the Provisional Army of the Confederate States of America:

Colonel.

Lieut. Col. M. L. Stansel, of Alabama, to be colonel Forty-first Alabama Regiment, vice Col. Henry Talbird, resigned, to rank from June 27, 1863.

Lieutenant-colonels.

Maj. James Gardner, of Georgia, to be lieutenant-colonel Twenty-seventh Georgia Regiment, vice Lieut. Col. J. N. Dorsey, dismissed by court-martial, to rank from April 1, 1864.

Maj. T. G. Trimmier, of Alabama, to be lieutenant-colonel Forty-first Alabama Regiment, vice Lieut. Col. M. L. Stansel, promoted, to rank from June 27, 1863.

Maj. A. Haynes, of Virginia, to be lieutenant-colonel Twenty-ninth Virginia Regiment, vice Lieut. Col. James Giles, promoted, to rank from April 10, 1863.

Maj. W. H. Campbell, of South Carolina, to be lieutenant-colonel Third South Carolina or "Palmetto Battalion Light Artillery," vice Lieut. Col. E. B. White, promoted colonel of artillery, to rank from January 18, 1864.

Majors.

Capt. W. S. Wallace, of Georgia, to be major Forty-fifth Georgia Regiment, vice Maj. J. W. Carter, promoted, to rank from March 17, 1864.

Capt. L. T. Hudgings, of Alabama, to be major Forty-first Alabama Regiment, vice Maj. T. G. Trimmier, promoted, to rank from November 28, 1863.

I am, sir, respectfully, your obedient servant,

JAMES A. SEDDON,
Secretary of War.

To His Excellency JEFFERSON DAVIS,
President, etc.

CONFEDERATE STATES OF AMERICA, EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT,
Richmond, June 4, 1864.

To the Senate of the Confederate States:

Agreeably to the recommendation of the Secretary of War, I nominate the officers on the accompanying list to the rank affixed to their names, respectively.

JEFFERSON DAVIS.

No. 35.] CONFEDERATE STATES OF AMERICA, WAR DEPARTMENT,
Richmond, June 3, 1864.

SIR: I have the honor to recommend the following nominations for appointment in the Provisional Army of the Confederate States of America:

Adjutants—first lieutenants.

J. W. Tayloe, of Virginia, to be adjutant Second Virginia Cavalry Regiment, vice Lieut. L. Tayloe, killed, to rank from May 28, 1864.

George C. Jones, of Alabama, to be adjutant Twenty-third Alabama Battalion Sharpshooters (original vacancy), to rank from May 24, 1864.

D. B. L. Lowe, of Mississippi, to be adjutant Sixteenth Mississippi Regiment, vice Lieutenant Stewart, declined, to rank from May 24, 1864.

W. S. Robinson, of Georgia, to be adjutant Second Georgia Battalion (original vacancy), to rank from May 4, 1864.

J. H. Bell, of Arkansas, to be adjutant Thirty-seventh Arkansas Regiment (original vacancy), to rank from February 19, 1864.

I am, sir, respectfully, your obedient servant,

JAMES A. SEDDON,
Secretary of War.

To His Excellency JEFFERSON DAVIS,
President, etc.

CONFEDERATE STATES OF AMERICA, EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT,
Richmond, June 4, 1864.

To the Senate of the Confederate States:

Agreeably to the recommendation of the Secretary of War, I nominate the officers on the accompanying list to the rank affixed to their names, respectively.

JEFFERSON DAVIS.

No. 32.] CONFEDERATE STATES OF AMERICA, WAR DEPARTMENT,
Richmond, June 3, 1864.

SIR: I have the honor to recommend the following nominations for appointment in the Provisional Army of the Confederate States of America:

Aids-de-camp—first lieutenants.

George Phifer, of North Carolina, to be aid-de-camp, for duty with Maj. Gen. Robert F. Hoke, to rank from May 31, 1864.

Augustus W. Belt, of Arkansas, to be aid-de-camp, for duty with Brig. Gen. D. H. Reynolds, to rank from April 15, 1864.

Frank L. Glover, of Alabama, to be aid-de-camp, for duty with Maj. Gen. C. M. Wilcox, to rank from May 25, 1864.

Thomas F. Erskine, of ———, to be aid-de-camp, for duty with Maj. Gen. W. B. Bate, to rank from May 25, 1864.

I am, sir, respectfully, your obedient servant,

JAMES A. SEDDON,
Secretary of War.

To His Excellency JEFFERSON DAVIS,
President, etc.

CONFEDERATE STATES OF AMERICA, EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT,
Richmond, June 6, 1864.

To the Senate of the Confederate States:

Agreeably to the recommendation of the Secretary of War, I nominate the officers on the accompanying list to the rank affixed to their names, respectively, being part of the nominations made at the last session of the Senate for reconfirmation, and which were postponed until after its adjournment.

JEFFERSON DAVIS.

No. 42.] WAR DEPARTMENT, CONFEDERATE STATES OF AMERICA,
Richmond, June 4, 1864.

SIR: I have the honor to recommend the following nominations for appointment in the Provisional Army of the Confederate States of America, being for appointments for which nominations were made and postponed at the last session of the Senate:

Major-general.

J. B. Magruder, of Virginia, to take rank from October 7, 1861.

Brigadier-generals.

John H. Winder, of Maryland, to take rank from June 21, 1861.

H. H. Sibley, of Louisiana, to take rank from June 17, 1861.

P. O. Hébert, of Louisiana, to take rank from August 17, 1861.

R. S. Ripley, of South Carolina, to take rank from August 15, 1861.

N. G. Evans, of South Carolina, to take rank from October 21, 1861.

J. H. Trapier, of South Carolina, to take rank from October 21, 1861.

William M. Gardner, of Georgia, to take rank from November 14, 1861.

H. W. Mercer, of Georgia, to take rank from October 29, 1861.

A. R. Lawton, of Georgia, to take rank from April 13, 1861.

I am, sir, respectfully, your obedient servant,

JAMES A. SEDDON,
Secretary of War.

To His Excellency JEFFERSON DAVIS,
President, etc.

CONFEDERATE STATES OF AMERICA, EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT,
Richmond, June 6, 1864.

To the Senate of the Confederate States:

Agreeably to the recommendation of the Secretary of War, I nominate the officers on the accompanying list to the rank affixed to their names, respectively, being part of the nominations made at the last session of the Senate for confirmation, and which were postponed until after its adjournment.

JEFFERSON DAVIS.

No. 41.] CONFEDERATE STATES OF AMERICA, WAR DEPARTMENT,
Richmond, June 4, 1864.

SIR: I have the honor to recommend the following nominations for appointment in the Provisional Army of the Confederate States of America, being for appointments for which nominations were made and postponed at the last session of the Senate:

COMMANDANTS OF CAMPS OF INSTRUCTION, UNDER ACT APPROVED OCTOBER 8, 1862.

Majors.

E. S. Ready, of Alabama, to take rank from May 2, 1863.

John F. Andrews, of Georgia, to take rank from May 2, 1863.

O. M. Watkins, of Texas, to take rank from May 2, 1863.

J. J. Daniel, of Florida, to take rank from November 14, 1863.

I am, sir, respectfully, your obedient servant,

JAMES A. SEDDON,
Secretary of War.

To His Excellency JEFFERSON DAVIS,
President, etc.

CONFEDERATE STATES OF AMERICA, EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT,
Richmond, June 6, 1864.

To the Senate of the Confederate States:

Agreeably to the recommendation of the Secretary of War, I nominate A. J. Toutant, of Texas, to be aid-de-camp to General Beauregard, with the rank of first lieutenant in the Provisional Army of the Confederate States of America, vice Lieutenant Beauregard, resigned.

JEFFERSON DAVIS.

CONFEDERATE STATES OF AMERICA, WAR DEPARTMENT,
Richmond, June 4, 1864.

SIR: I have the honor to recommend the nomination of A. J. Toutant, of Texas, to be aid-de-camp to General Beauregard, with rank of first lieutenant in the Provisional Army of the Confederate States of America, vice Lieutenant Beauregard, resigned, to date from June 3, 1864.

I am, sir, respectfully, your obedient servant,

JAMES A. SEDDON,
Secretary of War.

To His Excellency JEFFERSON DAVIS,
President, etc.

The messages were read.

Ordered, That they be referred to the Committee on Military Affairs.

On motion by Mr. Orr,

The Senate resolved into open legislative session.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 8, 1864.

OPEN SESSION.

A message from the House of Representatives, by Mr. Dalton:

Mr. President: The House of Representatives have passed a joint resolution (H. R. 13) to allow sick and wounded officers of the Army transportation to their homes, and hospital accommodations; in which they request the concurrence of the Senate.

And they have concurred in the report of the committee of conference on the disagreeing votes of the two Houses on the bill (S. 34) to provide for the compensation of noncommissioned officers, soldiers, sailors, and marines on detailed service.

Mr. Sparrow, from the committee of conference on the part of the Senate on the disagreeing votes of the two Houses on the bill (S. 34) to provide for the compensation of noncommissioned officers, soldiers, sailors, and marines on detailed service, reported

That they have met the managers on the part of the House of Representatives, and, after full and free conference, have agreed to recommend and do recommend to their respective Houses as follows:

That the Senate recede from its disagreement to the amendment of the House of Representatives, and agree to the said amendment with the following amendments, viz:

After "service," section 1, line 2, insert the words "or from the Navy or Marine Corps."

Strike out sections 2, 3, 4, and 5, and insert in lieu thereof the following:

"Sec. 2. That all such detached or detailed men shall be allowed, in addition, not exceeding two dollars per day, and compensation for all extra work, or for any uncommon skill or industry displayed in the performance of duties to which they

may be assigned, in proportion to the value of such extra labor or uncommon skill or industry, whether it be in performing an unusual amount of work within the usual hours of labor, or work performed beyond the usual hours, or extraordinary skill and superior workmanship displayed in the execution of such duties, the value of said extra labor or uncommon skill or industry to be determined by the officer or superintendent under whose immediate direction said detached or detailed service may be performed, subject to the approval of the Secretary of War or Navy. The additional compensation provided in this section shall be the same for both the War and Navy Departments, under certain rules to be prescribed by the President.

"Sec. 3. That all noncommissioned officers, musicians, privates, sailors, or marines detailed to Government contractors, shall be so detailed without pay and allowances, but shall be compensated for their services by wages received from said contractors, under rules to be prescribed by the Secretary of War or of the Navy."

And that the House of Representatives recede from their amendment to the title of the bill.

The Senate proceeded to consider the said report: and

Resolved, That they concur therein, and that the bill be amended accordingly.

Ordered, That the Secretary inform the House of Representatives thereof.

Mr. Watson (by leave) introduced

A bill (S. 72) to amend an act entitled "An act to organize military courts to attend the Army of the Confederate States in the field, and to define the powers of said courts," approved October 9, 1862; which was read the first and second times and referred to the Committee on Military Affairs.

Mr. Graham presented resolutions of the general assembly of the State of North Carolina, concerning certain acts of the late Congress of the Confederate States and in reference to the right of North Carolina in the importation of goods; which were read.

Ordered, That they lie upon the table and be printed.

The Senate resumed the reconsideration of the joint resolution (S. 7) in regard to the exemption of editors and employees of newspapers, returned by the President of the Confederate States with his objections; and

On the question,

Shall the resolution pass, the objections of the President to the contrary notwithstanding?

It was determined in the negative,	{ Yeas-----	11
	{ Nays-----	10

The vote having been taken by yeas and nays, as required by the Constitution,

Those who voted in the affirmative are,

Messrs. Baker, Burnett, Haynes, Henry, Maxwell, Mitchel, Oldham, Orr, Semmes, Sparrow, and Wigfall.

Those who voted in the negative are,

Messrs. Barnwell, Brown, Graham, Hunter, Jemison, Johnson of Georgia, Johnson of Arkansas, Johnson of Missouri, Walker, and Watson.

So it was

Resolved, That the resolution do not pass, two-thirds of the Senate not agreeing thereto.

Ordered, That the Secretary inform the House of Representatives thereof.

The Senate resumed the reconsideration of the bill (S. 24) entitled "An act to authorize the appointment of additional officers of artillery

for ordnance duties," returned by the President of the Confederate States with his objections; and

On the question,

Shall the bill pass, the objections of the President to the contrary notwithstanding?

It was determined in the negative,	} Yeas ----- 1 Nays ----- 22
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The vote having been taken by yeas and nays, as required by the Constitution.

Mr. Wigfall voted in the affirmative.

Those who voted in the negative are,

Messrs. Baker, Barnwell, Brown, Burnett, Graham, Haynes, Henry, Hill, Hunter, Jemison, Johnson of Georgia, Johnson of Arkansas, Johnson of Missouri, Maxwell, Mitchel, Oldham, Orr, Semmes, Simms, Sparrow, Walker, and Watson.

So it was

Resolved, That the bill do not pass, two-thirds of the Senate not agreeing thereto.

Ordered, That the Secretary inform the House of Representatives thereof.

Mr. Barnwell, from the Committee on Finance, to whom was referred the bill (H. R. 123) making appropriations for the support of the Government of the Confederate States of America from July 1 to December 31, 1864, and to supply a deficiency, reported it without amendment.

The Senate proceeded, as in Committee of the Whole, to the consideration of the said bill; and no amendment being proposed, it was reported to the Senate.

Ordered, That it pass to a third reading.

The said bill was read the third time.

Resolved, That it pass.

Ordered, That the Secretary inform the House of Representatives thereof.

The following bill and joint resolution were severally read the first and second times and referred to the Committee on Military Affairs:

H. R. 112. An act to amend an act to organize forces to serve during the war, approved 17th February, 1864; and

H. R. 13. Joint resolution to allow sick and wounded officers of the Army transportation to their homes, and hospital accommodations.

The following bills were severally read the first and second times and referred to the Committee on Finance:

H. R. 150. An act concerning the salary of the Treasurer;

H. R. 151. An act to amend an act entitled "An act to reduce the currency and to authorize a new issue of bonds and Treasury notes," approved February 17, 1864;

H. R. 152. An act to amend the first section of an act entitled "An act to organize the clerical force of the Treasury Department," approved February 13, 1862; and

H. R. 153. An act to amend an act entitled "An act for the relief of taxpayers in certain cases," approved February 13, 1864.

The Senate proceeded to consider the amendment of the House of Representatives to the bill (S. 59) to authorize the owners of the registered eight per cent ten-year convertible bonds issued under the

provisions of the act, approved May 16, 1861, to exchange the same for coupon bonds; and

Resolved, That they concur therein.

Ordered, That the Secretary inform the House of Representatives thereof.

Mr. Oldham, from the Committee on Commerce, to whom was referred the bill (S. 60) to amend an act entitled "An act to prohibit the importation of luxuries, or of articles not necessities or of common use," approved February 6, 1864, reported it without amendment.

Mr. Sparrow, from the Committee on Military Affairs, submitted the following resolution for consideration:

Resolved, That the reports of officers of military operations, which have been communicated to the Senate by the President at the present session, be placed upon the files of the Senate; and that the Secretary be directed not to furnish copies of said reports to anyone without the leave of the Senate.

The Senate proceeded to consider the said resolution; and

On motion by Mr. Orr, to amend the resolution by striking out the words "placed upon the files of the Senate; and that the Secretary be directed not to furnish copies of said reports to anyone without the leave of the Senate" and inserting in lieu thereof the words "laid upon the table and printed for the use of the Senate,"

It was determined in the negative.

The resolution was then agreed to.

On motion by Mr. Sparrow,

Ordered, That the Committee on Military Affairs be discharged from the further consideration of the message of the President transmitting copies of the charges and specifications and of the accompanying papers in the case of Maj. H. C. Guerin.

Mr. Sparrow, from the Committee on Military Affairs, to whom was referred the bill (S. 70) to amend an act entitled "An act to amend an act entitled 'An act to organize military courts to attend the Army of the Confederate States in the field, and to define the powers of said courts,'" approved February 13, 1864, reported it without amendment.

The Senate proceeded, as in Committee of the Whole, to the consideration of the said bill; and no amendment being proposed, it was reported to the Senate.

Ordered, That it be engrossed and read a third time.

The said bill was read the third time.

Resolved, That it pass, and that the title thereof be as aforesaid.

Ordered, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the House of Representatives therein.

Mr. Sparrow, from the Committee on Military Affairs, to whom was referred the joint resolution (H. R. 11) of thanks to Maj. Gen. Richard Taylor and the officers and men of his command, reported it without amendment.

The Senate proceeded, as in Committee of the Whole, to the consideration of the said resolution; and no amendment being proposed, it was reported to the Senate.

Ordered, That it pass to a third reading.

The said resolution was read the third time.

Resolved, That it pass.

Ordered, That the Secretary inform the House of Representatives thereof.

On motion by Mr. Sparrow,

Ordered, That the Committee on Military Affairs be discharged from the further consideration of the report of the Superintendent of the Bureau of Conscription, accompanying the report of the Secretary of War.

Mr. Burnett, from the Committee on Military Affairs, reported

A bill (S. 73) to amend the acts of April 1, 1862, September 23, 1862, and February 17, 1864;

which was read the first and second times and considered as in Committee of the Whole; and no amendment being proposed, it was reported to the Senate.

Ordered, That it be engrossed and read a third time.

The said bill was read the third time.

On the question,

Shall the bill now pass?

It was determined in the negative.

So it was

Resolved, That this bill do not pass.

Mr. Jemison submitted the following resolution: which was considered and agreed to:

Resolved, That during the remainder of the present session the daily hour of meeting of the Senate be eleven o'clock antemeridian.

The Senate resumed, as in Committee of the Whole, the consideration of the bill (H. R. 107) to amend the tax laws.

On motion by Mr. Sparrow, to amend the bill by striking out the words "of the same or similar property in the neighborhood, where assessed in the year eighteen hundred and sixty," section 2, lines 3, 4, and 5, and inserting in lieu thereof the words "thereof on the seventeenth day of February, eighteen hundred and sixty-four,"

It was determined in the negative.

On the question to agree to the following reported amendment, viz: Strike out of the third section of the bill the following words:

Upon the amount of all gold and silver coin, gold dust, gold and silver bullion, unless purchased since the first day of January, eighteen hundred and sixty-two, and then upon the actual cost to the present holder, ten per cent, except where the same is already included in the tax on shares or interests imposed by the first section of this act, and in such case ten per cent less the amount of tax so imposed. And upon the value of all moneys held abroad or bills of exchange drawn therefor, and promissory notes, rights and credits payable in foreign countries, five per cent, according to the value thereof at the place where the tax thereon is payable at the time of assessment, except where the same is included in the tax on shares or interests imposed by the first section of this act, and then five per cent less the amount of tax so imposed, payable in Confederate Treasury notes or four per cent bonds or certificates authorized by the act of February seventeenth, eighteen hundred and sixty-four, to reduce the currency and authorize a new issue of notes and bonds,

and insert in lieu thereof:

Upon all gold and silver coin estimated at par, and upon all gold dust and gold and silver bullion, estimated at its value in specie, unless purchased since the first day of January, eighteen hundred and sixty-two, and then estimated at the actual value in Confederate Treasury notes, ten per cent, except where the same has already been included in the tax on shares or interests, under the provisions of the first section of this act, and in that case, on the amount thus included, estimated at its specie value, there shall be levied a tax of five per cent: *Provided*, That nothing herein contained shall be so construed as to tax specie required by the provisions of its charter, to be held and kept on hand by any bank, and upon all moneys held abroad, or bills of exchange drawn therefor, and all promissory notes, rights, credits, and securities, payable in foreign countries, five per cent upon the value thereof in Con-

federate Treasury notes on the seventeenth day of February, in the year eighteen hundred and sixty-four, at the place where the tax thereon is payable, except that where the same is included in the tax on shares or interest, imposed by the first section of this act, then and in that case there shall be deducted from the tax assessed thereon, according to the value of eighteen hundred and sixty-four, as aforesaid, a sum equivalent to five per cent on the specie value of said moneys held abroad, or bills of exchange drawn therefor, and promissory notes, rights, credits, and securities payable in foreign countries: *Provided*, That all the taxes imposed under the provisions of this act shall be payable in Confederate Treasury notes, as prescribed by law, or four per cent bonds or certificates therefor, authorized by the act of February seventeenth, eighteen hundred and sixty-four, to reduce the currency and to authorize a new issue of notes and bonds,

On motion by Mr. Jemison, to amend the amendment by inserting after "or," line 7, the word "other," and by inserting after "or," line 19, the word "other."

It was determined in the affirmative.

The amendment as amended was then agreed to.

On the question to agree to the following reported amendment, viz: Insert at the end of the third section of the bill the following:

III. On the value of all shares or interests in any navigation, importing, exporting, insurance, manufacturing, telegraph, express, and dry dock companies, and all other joint stock companies of every kind, whether incorporated or not, except such as are herein otherwise provided for, estimated at their market value in Confederate Treasury notes, on the seventeenth day of February, eighteen hundred and sixty-four, in the neighborhood where assessed, five per cent,

On motion by Mr. Jemison, to amend the amendment by inserting after "or," line 1, the word "other,"

It was determined in the affirmative.

On motion by Mr. Semmes, to amend the amendment by inserting at the end thereof the following words:

to be paid by the company, and no other tax shall be imposed under this act on any property of such company represented by the valuation of such shares or other interests as directed in the second section of this act, except the tax imposed in the first paragraph of this section,

It was determined in the affirmative.

The amendment as amended was then agreed to.

On the question to agree to the following reported amendment, viz: Insert the following independent section:

SEC. 9. That section seven of an act entitled "An act to levy additional taxes for the common defense and support of the Government," approved seventeenth February, eighteen hundred and sixty-four, be, and the same is hereby, repealed, and the following inserted in lieu thereof:

"That the first section of the act to levy taxes for the common defense and to carry on the Government of the Confederate States, approved twenty-fourth April, eighteen hundred and sixty-three, is suspended for the year eighteen hundred and sixty-four.

"II. In all cases where a tax is levied on income derived from property, on the amount or value of which an ad valorem tax is laid, the ad valorem tax shall be deducted from the income tax: *Provided*, That in no case shall less be paid than the ad valorem tax.

"III. In the assessment of income derived from manufacturing or mining there shall be deducted from the gross income or profits the necessary annual repairs, not exceeding ten per cent on the amount of the income derived therefrom, and, in addition to the deductions now allowed by law, the following shall be made, namely: The Confederate taxes actually paid by the owner on sales made by him, and the commissions actually paid by the consignor or shipper for selling, and in the production of pig metal or pig iron the cost of fuel in smelting."

On motion by Mr. Semmes, to amend the amendment by inserting after "property," line 11, the words "real, personal, and mixed, of every description,"

It was determined in the affirmative.

On motion by Mr. Semmes, to amend the amendment by inserting after "law," line 19, the words "in the assessment of income derived from any source,"

It was determined in the affirmative.

The amendment as amended was then agreed to.

The residue of the amendments reported from the Committee on Finance having been agreed to.

On motion by Mr. Haynes,

Ordered, That the further consideration of the bill be postponed until 8 o'clock p. m.

Mr. Burnett (by leave) introduced

A bill (S. 74) to increase the salary of the Commissioner of Indian Affairs;

which was read the first and second times and referred to the Committee on Finance.

The hour of half past 3 o'clock having arrived,

The Senate took a recess until 8 o'clock p. m.

8 O'CLOCK P. M.

The Senate proceeded, as in Committee of the Whole, to the consideration of the bill (S. 49) to authorize the manufacture of spirituous liquors for the use of the Army and hospitals.

The amendments reported from the Committee on Military Affairs having been agreed to.

On motion by Mr. Barnwell, further to amend the bill by striking out the words "any law or usage to the contrary notwithstanding," section 1, lines 8 and 9,

It was determined in the affirmative.

On motion by Mr. Watson, to amend the bill by inserting the following independent section:

SEC. —. That no contractor or party shall, under the license granted by this act, distill or make more alcohol, whisky, brandy, or other alcoholic or spirituous liquors than he shall deliver to the Government, or its agents, in fulfillment of his contract or contracts; nor shall it be lawful for any such contractor to sell, or in any way dispose of, otherwise than as said contract or contracts may require, any alcohol, whisky, brandy, or other alcoholic or spirituous liquors manufactured by him under the license aforesaid; nor shall this act operate as a license to any contractor for any violation of the prohibitions herein contained, when such violation shall be a crime or misdemeanor under the laws of the State in which the same may occur; and all alcoholic or spirituous liquors manufactured under such contracts, which are not of the quality and description provided for by such contracts, shall be forfeited to the Government,

On motion by Mr. Orr, to amend the proposed amendment by striking out the words

and all alcoholic or spirituous liquors manufactured under such contracts, which are not of the quality and description provided for by such contracts, shall be forfeited to the Government,

It was determined in the affirmative.

The amendment as amended was then agreed to.

No further amendment being proposed, the bill was reported to the Senate and the amendments were concurred in.

Ordered, That the bill be engrossed and read a third time.

The said bill was read the third time.

Those who voted in the negative are,

Messrs. Baker, Barnwell, Graham, Henry, Hunter, Jemison, Johnson of Georgia, Orr, and Semmes.

Mr. Oldham moved to reconsider the last-mentioned vote.

Pending which,

On motion by Mr. Oldham,

Ordered, That there be a call of the Senate.

The roll having been called,

Before the absentees were announced,

On motion by Mr. Brown,

Ordered, That all further proceedings under the call be dispensed with.

The question then recurred on the motion of Mr. Oldham to reconsider the vote on disagreeing to the amendment proposed by Mr. Oldham, as amended on the motion of Mr. Orr,

And the question being put,

It was determined in the negative.

On motion by Mr. Haynes, to amend the bill by inserting at the end of the second section the following proviso:

Provided further, That all persons subject to taxation under the laws of the Confederate States who are citizens of any one of said States, and whose homes and property occupied, owned, and possessed by them at the commencement of the war, are now within the enemy's lines and not subject to their control or use, shall be exempted from the payment of all taxes imposed by said laws to the first day of May, eighteen hundred and sixty-four; except a tax of five per cent shall be assessed and levied upon all property, real, personal, and mixed, owned and held by said persons on the seventeenth of February, eighteen hundred and sixty-four, and now under their control within the lines of the Confederate States; which property shall be assessed and taxed at the price paid for the same by the owner thereof,

It was determined in the affirmative,	{ Yeas -----	12
	{ Nays -----	9

On motion by Mr. Semmes,

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present, Those who voted in the affirmative are,

Messrs. Baker, Brown, Burnett, Haynes, Henry, Johnson of Georgia, Johnson of Arkansas, Johnson of Missouri, Mitchel, Oldham, Sinms, and Wigfall.

Those who voted in the negative are,

Messrs. Barnwell, Graham, Hill, Hunter, Jemison, Orr, Semmes, Walker, and Watson.

On motion by Mr. Sinms, to amend the bill by inserting the following independent section:

SEC. —. That the Secretary of the Treasury is hereby required to appoint a State collector of taxes for the State of Kentucky, who shall be a bona fide citizen of said State, who shall have power, and whose duty it shall be, to assess and collect, in either one of the Confederate States, all taxes due and payable, or which may be hereafter due and payable, by any citizen of said State temporarily sojourning in any one of the Confederate States; and it shall be the duty of every such citizen, within thirty days from the passage of this act, to make a true return to the said State collector of all his property, real, personal, and mixed, within the military lines of the Confederate States, which tax shall be due and payable within thirty days thereafter; and in case of his or her failure or refusal so to do, he or she so failing or refusing shall be liable to all pains and penalties imposed in such cases by the laws of the Confederate States; and when any citizen of Kentucky shall, or may hereafter, make returns of his or her taxable property to any assessor or collector in any other State, and the tax has not been paid, it shall be the duty of such citizen to pay the same over to the collector of the said State of Kentucky, and take his receipt for the same, which receipt shall be in full satisfaction of the taxes so assessed and unpaid: *Provided*, That nothing herein contained shall be so construed as to change the law

now regulating the collection of the tax in kind: *And provided further*, That no citizen of the said State of Kentucky who shall, within the periods herein prescribed, make due return of his taxable property and pay the tax assessed upon the same as herein provided, be in any manner liable as a delinquent under any law of the Confederate States,

It was determined in the affirmative.

On motion by Mr. Semmes,

The Senate adjourned.

THURSDAY, JUNE 9, 1864.

OPEN SESSION.

A message from the House of Representatives, by Mr. Dalton:

Mr. President: The Speaker of the House of Representatives having signed sundry enrolled bills, I am directed to bring them to the Senate for the signature of their President.

Mr. Walker, from the committee, reported that they had examined and found truly enrolled bills of the following titles:

S. 34. An act to provide for the compensation of noncommissioned officers, soldiers, sailors, and marines on detailed service;

S. 38. An act for the payment of commissioners appointed under the act entitled "An act to suspend the privilege of the writ of habeas corpus in certain cases," and to confer certain powers upon said commissioners;

H. R. 106. An act to increase the compensation of the noncommissioned officers and privates of the Army of the Confederate States;

H. R. 124. An act making appropriations for the postal service of the Confederate States for the year 1862 and 1863; and

H. R. 134. An act to amend an act entitled "An act to establish a niter and mining bureau," approved April 22, 1863.

The President pro tempore having signed the enrolled bills last reported to have been examined, they were delivered to the Secretary of the Senate and by him forthwith presented to the President of the Confederate States for his approval.

The Senate resumed, as in Committee of the Whole, the consideration of the bill (H. R. 107) to amend the tax laws.

On motion by Mr. Barnwell, to reconsider the vote on agreeing to the following amendment proposed by Mr. Haynes, viz: At the end of the second section insert the following proviso:

Provided further, That all persons subject to taxation under the laws of the Confederate States who are citizens of any one of said States, and whose homes and property occupied, owned, and possessed by them at the commencement of the war, are now within the enemy's lines and not subject to their control or use, shall be exempted from the payment of all taxes imposed by said laws to the first day of May, eighteen hundred and sixty-four; except a tax of five per cent shall be assessed and levied upon all property, real, personal, and mixed, owned and held by said persons on the seventeenth of February, eighteen hundred and sixty-four, and now under their control within the lines of the Confederate States; which property shall be assessed and taxed at the price paid for the same by the owner thereof,

It was determined in the affirmative.

The Senate proceeded to consider the said amendment; and

On motion by Mr. Haynes, to amend the amendment by inserting after "eighteen hundred and sixty-four," line 9, the words "on said property so within the enemy's lines,"

It was determined in the affirmative.

On motion by Mr. Orr, to amend the proposed amendment by striking out all after "*further*," line 1, and inserting:

That all property within the enemy's lines be, and the same is hereby, exempted from all taxation so long as it remains in the enemy's lines,

It was determined in the affirmative.

The amendment as amended was then agreed to.

On motion by Mr. Simms, to reconsider the vote on agreeing to the following amendment proposed by Mr. Simms: Insert the following independent section:

SEC. — That the Secretary of the Treasury is hereby required to appoint a State collector of taxes for the State of Kentucky, who shall be a bona fide citizen of said State, who shall have power, and whose duty it shall be, to assess and collect, in either one of the Confederate States, all taxes due and payable, or which may be hereafter due and payable, by any citizen of said State temporarily sojourning in any one of the Confederate States; and it shall be the duty of every such citizen, within thirty days from the passage of this act, to make a true return to the said State collector of all his property, real, personal, and mixed, within the military lines of the Confederate States, which tax shall be due and payable within thirty days thereafter; and in case of his or her failure or refusal so to do, he or she so failing or refusing shall be liable to all pains and penalties imposed in such cases by the laws of the Confederate States; and when any citizen of Kentucky shall, or may hereafter, make returns of his or her taxable property to any assessor or collector in any other State, and the tax has not been paid, it shall be the duty of such citizen to pay the same over to the collector of the said State of Kentucky, and take his receipt for the same, which receipt shall be in full satisfaction of the taxes so assessed and unpaid: *Provided*, That nothing herein contained shall be so construed as to change the law now regulating the collection of the tax in kind: *And provided further*, That no citizen of the said State of Kentucky who shall, within the periods herein prescribed, make due return of his taxable property and pay the tax assessed upon the same as herein provided, be in any manner liable as a delinquent under any law of the Confederate States,

It was determined in the affirmative.

The said amendment being again under consideration,

Mr. Simms, by unanimous consent, withdrew the same.

On motion by Mr. Simms, to amend the bill by inserting the following independent section:

SEC. — That all citizens of any one of the Confederate States temporarily residing in another State, shall be liable to be assessed and taxed in the State or district in which he may temporarily reside; and it shall be the duty of all such who have not heretofore made return of their taxable property to the district assessor where they may temporarily reside, within thirty days after the passage of this act, to make such return; and any one liable to be assessed and taxed as aforesaid, who shall fail or refuse, within the said period of thirty days, to make such return, shall be liable to all the pains and penalties imposed by the laws of the Confederate States in such case,

It was determined in the affirmative.

On motion by Mr. Simms, to reconsider the vote on agreeing to the following amendment proposed by Mr. Haynes, as amended, viz: At the end of the second section insert the following proviso:

Provided further, That all property within the enemy's lines be, and the same is hereby, exempted from all taxation so long as it remains in the enemy's lines,

It was determined in the negative.	{ Yeas	9
	{ Nays	12

On motion by Mr. Simms,

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present, Those who voted in the affirmative are,

Messrs. Baker, Brown, Burnett, Haynes, Henry, Johnson of Missouri, Mitchel, Oldham, and Simms.

Those who voted in the negative are,

Messrs. Barnwell, Graham, Hill, Hunter, Jemison, Johnson of Georgia, Orr, Semmes, Sparrow, Walker, Watson, and Wigfall.

On motion by Mr. Sparrow, that the bill be recommitted to the Committee on Finance with instructions to report a bill with the following provisions:

First. To so modify existing laws in regard to the tax on banking, railroad, canal, and other joint stock companies that the assets and property of every kind of said institutions, less deposits of banks, shall be taxed, and also the value of the franchise of the bank, at the same rate and in the same way as if said assets and other property belonged to an individual.

Second. That Treasury notes of the old issue of the denomination of five dollars, and which may remain outstanding on the first of January next, shall be taxed on that day one hundred per cent,

It was determined in the affirmative,	{ Yeas	11
	{ Nays	10

On motion by Mr. Orr,

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present,

Those who voted in the affirmative are,

Messrs. Burnett, Haynes, Henry, Hill, Johnson of Georgia, Johnson of Missouri, Mitchel, Oldham, Simms, Sparrow, and Wigfall.

Those who voted in the negative are,

Messrs. Baker, Barnwell, Brown, Graham, Hunter, Jemison, Orr, Semmes, Walker, and Watson.

So it was

Ordered, That the bill be recommitted to the Committee on Finance with instructions to report a bill with the following provisions:

First. To so modify existing laws in regard to the tax on banking, railroad, canal, and other joint stock companies that the assets and property of every kind of said institutions, less deposits of banks, shall be taxed, and also the value of the franchise of the bank, at the same rate and in the same way as if said assets and other property belonged to an individual.

Second. That Treasury notes of the old issue of the denomination of five dollars, and which may remain outstanding on the first of January next, shall be taxed on that day one hundred per cent.

The Senate proceeded to consider the motion submitted by Mr. Johnson of Arkansas yesterday, to reconsider the vote on passing the bill (S. 49) to authorize the manufacture of spirituous liquors for the use of the Army and hospitals; and

On motion by Mr. Simms,

Ordered, That the further consideration thereof be postponed until 8 o'clock p. m.

A message from the President of the Confederate States, by Mr. B. N. Harrison, his Secretary:

Mr. President: The President of the Confederate States, on the 7th instant, approved and signed the following acts:

S. 13. An act to extend to the Navy and Marine Corps the provisions of the third section of an act to organize forces to serve during the war, approved February 17, 1864;

S. 14. An act to amend an act entitled "An act to provide an invalid corps," approved February 17, 1864; and

S. 31. An act to promote the efficiency of the cavalry of the Provisional Army, and to punish lawlessness and irregularities of any portions thereof.

The President on yesterday approved and signed an act (S. 4) to provide transportation in kind in certain cases to Members and Delegates in Congress.

Ordered, That the Secretary inform the House of Representatives thereof.

On motion by Mr. Hill, to reconsider the vote on recommitting the bill (H. R. 107) to amend the tax laws to the Committee on Finance, with instructions to report a bill with the following provisions:

First. To so modify existing laws in regard to the tax on banking, railroad, canal, and other joint stock companies that the assets and property of every kind of said institutions, less deposits of banks, shall be taxed, and also the value of the franchise of the bank, at the same rate and in the same way as if said assets and other property belonged to an individual.

Second. That Treasury notes of the old issue of the denomination of five dollars, and which may remain outstanding on the first of January next, shall be taxed on that day one hundred per cent,

It was determined in the affirmative,	{	Yeas	11
		Nays	10

On motion by Mr. Orr,

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present,
Those who voted in the affirmative are,

Messrs. Baker, Barnwell, Graham, Hill, Hunter, Jemison, Johnson of Georgia, Orr, Semmes, Walker, and Watson.

Those who voted in the negative are,

Messrs. Brown, Burnett, Haynes, Henry, Johnson of Arkansas, Mitchel, Oldham, Simms, Sparrow, and Wigfall.

So the vote on recommitting the bill was reconsidered.

The question then recurred on the motion submitted by Mr. Sparrow, to recommit the bill to the Committee on Finance with certain instructions:

And being put,

It was determined in the negative,	{	Yeas	9
		Nays	12

On motion by Mr. Orr,

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present,
Those who voted in the affirmative are,

Messrs. Brown, Burnett, Haynes, Henry, Mitchel, Oldham, Simms, Sparrow, and Wigfall.

Those who voted in the negative are,

Messrs. Baker, Barnwell, Graham, Hill, Hunter, Jemison, Johnson of Georgia, Johnson of Arkansas, Orr, Semmes, Walker, and Watson.

So the Senate refused to recommit the bill.

No further amendment being made, the bill was reported to the Senate and the amendments were concurred in.

Ordered, That the amendments be engrossed and the bill read a third time.

The said bill as amended was read the third time.

On the question,

Shall the bill now pass?

It was determined in the affirmative,	{	Yeas	13
		Nays	9

On motion by Mr. Orr,

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present,
Those who voted in the affirmative are,

Messrs. Baker, Barnwell, Brown, Graham, Hill, Hunter, Jemison, Johnson of Georgia, Orr, Semmes, Simms, Walker, and Watson.

Those who voted in the negative are,

Messrs. Burnett, Haynes, Henry, Johnson of Arkansas, Johnson of Missouri, Mitchel, Oldham, Sparrow, and Wigfall.

So it was

Resolved, That the bill pass with amendments.

Ordered, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the House of Representatives in the amendments.

Mr. Haynes presented the memorial of J. S. Dawson, late colonel of the Forty-sixth Tennessee Regiment, praying that he may be restored to his rank, pay, and command; which was referred to the Committee on Military Affairs.

On motion by Mr. Johnson of Arkansas,

The Senate resolved into executive session.

The doors having been opened,

Mr. Barnwell, from the Committee on Finance, to whom was referred the bill (H. R. 152) to amend the first section of an act entitled "An act to organize the clerical force of the Treasury Department," approved February 13, 1862, reported it with the recommendation that it ought not to pass.

Mr. Barnwell, from the Committee on Finance, to whom was referred the bill (H. R. 153) to amend an act entitled "An act for the relief of taxpayers in certain cases," approved February 13, 1864, reported it with an amendment.

The Senate proceeded, as in Committee of the Whole, to the consideration of the said bill; and the reported amendment having been agreed to, the bill was reported to the Senate and the amendment was concurred in.

Ordered, That the amendment be engrossed and the bill read a third time.

The said bill as amended was read the third time.

Resolved, That it pass with an amendment.

Ordered, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the House of Representatives in the amendment.

Mr. Barnwell, from the Committee on Finance, to whom was referred the bill (H. R. 150) concerning the salary of the Treasurer, reported it without amendment.

The Senate proceeded, as in Committee of the Whole, to the consideration of the said bill; and no amendment being proposed, it was reported to the Senate.

Ordered, That it pass to a third reading.

The said bill was read the third time.

Resolved, That it pass.

Ordered, That the Secretary inform the House of Representatives thereof.

Mr. Barnwell, from the Committee on Finance, reported

A bill (S. 74) to increase the salary of the Commissioner of Indian Affairs;

which was read the first and second times and considered as in Committee of the Whole; and no amendment being proposed, it was reported to the Senate.

Ordered, That it be engrossed and read a third time.

The said bill was read the third time.

Resolved, That it pass, and that the title thereof be as aforesaid.

Ordered, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the House of Representatives therein.

Mr. Mitchel (by leave) introduced

A bill (S. 76) to authorize the appointment of additional officers of artillery for ordnance duties; which was read the first and second times and considered as in Committee of the Whole; and no amendment being proposed, it was reported to the Senate.

Ordered, That it be engrossed and read a third time.

The said bill was read the third time.

Resolved, That it pass, and that the title thereof be as aforesaid.

Ordered, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the House of Representatives therein.

On motion by Mr. Barnwell,

Ordered, That the Committee on Finance be discharged from the further consideration of the bill (S. 74) to increase the salary of the Commissioner of Indian Affairs.

Mr. Sparrow, from the Committee on Military Affairs, to whom was referred the bill (H. R. 112) to amend an act to organize forces to serve during the war, approved 17th February, 1864, reported it without amendment.

The Senate proceeded, as in Committee of the Whole, to the consideration of the said bill; and having been amended on the motion of Mr. Walker, the bill was reported to the Senate and the amendment was concurred in.

Ordered, That the amendment be engrossed and the bill read a third time.

The said bill as amended was read the third time.

Resolved, That it pass with an amendment.

Ordered, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the House of Representatives in the amendment.

Mr. Sparrow, from the Committee on Military Affairs, to whom was referred the joint resolution (H. R. 13) to allow sick and wounded officers of the Army transportation to their homes, and hospital accommodations, reported it without amendment.

The Senate proceeded, as in Committee of the Whole, to the consideration of the said resolution; and no amendment being proposed, it was reported to the Senate.

Ordered, That it pass to a third reading.

The said resolution was read the third time.

Resolved, That it pass.

Ordered, That the Secretary inform the House of Representatives thereof.

The hour of half past 3 o'clock having arrived,

The Senate took a recess until 8 o'clock p. m.

8 O'CLOCK P. M.

The Senate resumed, as in Committee of the Whole, the consideration of the bill (H. R. 148) to raise money to increase the pay of soldiers.

On motion by Mr. Johnson of Arkansas, that the bill be recommitted to the Committee on Finance with instructions to report a bill repealing all parts of every act passed at this session whereby any

increase of salary or compensation shall have been made, with a view to restore our current expenditures to the rates and the terms at which they stood at the termination of the first Congress of the Confederate States of America,

It was determined in the negative, { Yeas----- 3
 Nays----- 14

On motion by Mr. Johnson of Arkansas,
The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present,
Those who voted in the affirmative are,
Messrs. Hunter, Johnson of Arkansas, and Orr.
Those who voted in the negative are,
Messrs. Barnwell, Burnett, Graham, Haynes, Henry, Hill, Jemison, Johnson of Georgia, Semmes, Sparrow, Walker, Watson, and Wigfall.

So the Senate refused to recommit the bill.
No amendment being proposed, the bill was reported to the Senate.
On the question,
Shall the bill be read a third time?

It was determined in the affirmative, { Yeas----- 14
 Nays----- 6

On motion by Mr. Johnson of Arkansas,
The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present,
Those who voted in the affirmative are,
Messrs. Baker, Barnwell, Burnett, Haynes, Henry, Hill, Jemison, Johnson of Georgia, Johnson of Missouri, Oldham, Semmes, Sparrow, Walker, and Wigfall.

Those who voted in the negative are,
Messrs. Brown, Graham, Hunter, Johnson of Arkansas, Orr, and Watson.

So it was
Ordered, That the bill pass to a third reading.
The said bill was read the third time.
On the question,
Shall the bill now pass?

It was determined in the affirmative, { Yeas----- 14
 Nays----- 6

On motion by Mr. Johnson of Arkansas,
The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present,
Those who voted in the affirmative are,
Messrs. Baker, Barnwell, Burnett, Haynes, Henry, Hill, Jemison, Johnson of Georgia, Johnson of Missouri, Oldham, Semmes, Sparrow, Walker, and Wigfall.

Those who voted in the negative are,
Messrs. Brown, Graham, Hunter, Johnson of Arkansas, Orr, and Watson.

So it was
Resolved, That this bill pass.

Ordered, That the Secretary inform the House of Representatives thereof.

Mr. Graham (by leave) introduced

A bill (S. 77) to amend an act entitled "An act to reduce the currency and to authorize a new issue of notes and bonds," approved February 17, 1864;
which was read the first and second times and considered as in Com-

mittee of the Whole; and no amendment being proposed, it was reported to the Senate.

Ordered, That it be engrossed and read a third time.

The said bill was read the third time.

Resolved, That it pass, and that the title thereof be as aforesaid.

Ordered, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the House of Representatives therein.

Mr. Jemison (by leave) introduced

A bill (S. 78) relating to the issuing of certificates of indebtedness by the Government of the Confederate States; which was read the first and second times and considered as in Committee of the Whole.

On motion by Mr. Semmes, to amend the bill by inserting at the end of the first section the following proviso:

Provided further, That such certificate of indebtedness may be issued for the whole claim of the creditor, if he prefers the same to partial payment in Treasury notes,

It was determined in the affirmative.

On motion by Mr. Hill, to amend the bill by striking out "due or," section 1, line 3.

It was determined in the affirmative.

On motion by Mr. Hill, to amend the bill by striking out "received," section 1, line 3, and inserting "receivable in like manner as Treasury notes."

It was determined in the affirmative.

On motion by Mr. Barnwell, to amend the bill by striking out the second section, as follows:

SEC. 2. That the certificate of indebtedness authorized by the first section of this act shall be receivable in like manner as Treasury notes for any bonds of the Confederate States which may be sold by the Secretary of the Treasury or under his authority,

It was determined in the negative.

No further amendment being made, the bill was reported to the Senate and the amendments were concurred in.

Ordered, That the bill be engrossed and read a third time.

The said bill was read the third time.

On the question.

Shall the bill now pass?

It was determined in the affirmative,	{ Yeas -----	16
	{ Nays -----	2

On motion by Mr. Oldham,

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present, Those who voted in the affirmative are,

Messrs. Barnwell, Burnett, Graham, Henry, Hill, Hunter, Jemison, Johnson of Georgia, Johnson of Missouri, Mitchel, Orr, Semmes, Sparrow, Walker, Watson, and Wigfall.

Those who voted in the negative are,

Messrs. Haynes and Oldham.

So it was

Resolved, That this bill pass, and that the title thereof be as aforesaid.

Ordered, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the House of Representatives therein.

Mr. Graham submitted the following resolution; which was considered and agreed to:

Resolved, That the compensation of the Sergeant-at-Arms and the Assistant Secretary of the Senate shall be increased twelve and one-half per cent; that the compensation of the Journal Clerk and the Engrossing Clerk shall be increased fifty per cent; that the compensation of the Doorkeeper shall be increased thirty-three and one-third per cent; and that the compensation of the Assistant Doorkeeper shall be increased sixteen and two-thirds per cent; in each case for the period of one year, and that the increase be paid out of the contingent fund of the Senate.

On motion by Mr. Hill,

The Senate resolved into secret legislative session.

The doors having been opened.

On motion by Mr. Walker,

Ordered, That when the Senate adjourn it be to 10 o'clock a. m. to-morrow.

On motion by Mr. Walker,

The Senate adjourned.

SECRET SESSION.

A message from the House of Representatives, by Mr. Dalton:

Mr. President: The House of Representatives have passed the bill of the Senate (S. 67) to organize a corps of scouts and guards to facilitate communication with the Trans-Mississippi Department.

The Speaker of the House of Representatives having signed two enrolled bills, I am directed to bring them to the Senate for the signature of their President.

Mr. Walker, from the committee, reported that they had examined and found truly enrolled bills of the following titles:

S. 67. An act to organize a corps of scouts and guards to facilitate communication with the Trans-Mississippi Department; and

H. R. 133. An act making appropriations for the redemption of the seven per cent foreign loan authorized by act of Congress approved 29th January, 1863.

The President pro tempore having signed the enrolled bills last reported to have been examined, they were delivered to the Secretary of the Senate and by him forthwith presented to the President of the Confederate States for his approval.

The Senate resumed, as in Committee of the Whole, the consideration of the joint resolution (S. 10) in relation to the opening of negotiations for peace between the Confederate States and the United States; and

On motion by Mr. Orr,

Ordered, That the further consideration thereof be postponed until 5 o'clock p. m.

On motion by Mr. Barnwell,

The Senate resolved into open legislative session.

Having again resolved into secret legislative session.

The Senate proceeded, as in Committee of the Whole, to the consideration of the joint resolution (S. 13) declaring the dispositions, principles, and purposes of the Confederate States in relation to the existing war with the United States; and

On motion by Mr. Walker,

Ordered, That the further consideration of the resolution be postponed to and made the special order for to-morrow at 11 o'clock.

On motion by Mr. Semmes,

The Senate resolved into open legislative session.

EXECUTIVE SESSION.

The following messages were received from the President of the Confederate States, by Mr. B. N. Harrison, his Secretary:

CONFEDERATE STATES OF AMERICA, EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT,

Richmond, June 7, 1864.

To the Senate of the Confederate States:

Agreeably to the recommendation of the Secretary of War, I nominate the officers on the accompanying list to the rank annexed to their names, respectively, being part of the nominations made at the last session of the Senate for confirmation, and which were postponed until after its adjournment.

JEFFERSON DAVIS.

No. 37.]

CONFEDERATE STATES OF AMERICA, WAR DEPARTMENT,

Richmond, June 3, 1864.

SIR: I have the honor to recommend the following nominations for appointment in the Provisional Army of the Confederate States of America, being appointments for which nominations were made at the last session of the Senate and by it postponed:

ARTILLERY OFFICERS, FOR ORDNANCE DUTY, UNDER ACTS APPROVED APRIL 21, 1862, AND SEPTEMBER 16, 1862.

Majors.

P. B. Stanard, of Virginia, to take rank from June 18, 1863.
 Henry Myers, of Alabama, to take rank from June 18, 1863.
 E. B. Smith, of Virginia, to take rank from June 18, 1863.
 J. T. Trezevant, of Mississippi, to take rank from June 18, 1863.
 T. M. Bowyer, of Virginia, to take rank from June 18, 1863.
 R. Milton Cary, of Virginia, to take rank from June 18, 1863.

Captains.

W. C. Duxbury, of Alabama, to take rank from May 26, 1863.
 W. D. Harden, of Georgia, to take rank from June 18, 1863.
 Thaddeus A. Smith, of Alabama, to take rank from June 18, 1863.
 J. Wilcox Brown, of Virginia, to take rank from May 2, 1863.
 J. C. Little, of Virginia, to take rank from May 2, 1863.
 Charles Grattan, of Virginia, to take rank from May 2, 1863.
 W. Latham, of Louisiana, to take rank from May 2, 1863.
 James Dinwiddie, of Virginia, to take rank from May 2, 1863.
 James M. Boyd, of Virginia, to take rank from May 2, 1863.
 C. C. Pinckney, of South Carolina, to take rank from May 2, 1863.
 John M. Gregory, of Virginia, to take rank from May 2, 1863.
 Thomas W. Pierce, of North Carolina, to take rank from May 2, 1863.
 James G. Clark, of District of Columbia, to take rank from May 2, 1863.
 C. L. C. Minor, of Virginia, to take rank from May 2, 1863.
 Henry Seabrook, of South Carolina, to take rank from May 2, 1863.
 Leonidas Points, of Virginia, to take rank from May 2, 1863.
 W. N. McDonald, of Kentucky, to take rank from May 2, 1863.
 George Little, of Alabama, to take rank from May 2, 1863.
 C. F. Vanderford, of Missouri, to take rank from May 2, 1863.
 L. R. Evans, of Texas, to take rank from May 2, 1863.
 W. H. Warren, of Tennessee, to take rank from May 2, 1863.

First lieutenants.

Jas. C. Calhoun, of South Carolina, to take rank from May 2, 1863.
 John F. Porteous, of South Carolina, to take rank from May 2, 1863.
 John Forrest, of South Carolina, to take rank from May 2, 1863.

R. E. Baker, of Mississippi, to take rank from May 2, 1863.
 H. S. Cunningham, of Georgia, to take rank from May 2, 1863.
 James N. Brickell, of Louisiana, to take rank from May 2, 1863.
 James H. George, of Alabama, to take rank from May 2, 1863.
 E. C. Robbins, of Missouri, to take rank from May 2, 1863.
 M. C. Burke, of Alabama, to take rank from May 2, 1863.
 W. A. Parker, of Alabama, to take rank from May 2, 1863.
 R. V. Booth, of Mississippi, to take rank from May 2, 1863.
 S. H. Coleman, of Tennessee, to take rank from May 2, 1863.
 George H. King, of Georgia, to take rank from May 2, 1863.
 J. W. Stewart, of Tennessee, to take rank from May 2, 1863.
 James E. Webb, of Alabama, to take rank from May 2, 1863.
 Horace E. Ross, of Tennessee, to take rank from May 2, 1863.
 Bradford Nichol, of Tennessee, to take rank from May 2, 1863.
 W. Thurmond, of Mississippi, to take rank from May 2, 1863.

Second Lieutenants.

B. L. Braselman, of Louisiana, to take rank from May 2, 1863.
 H. H. Stevens, of Louisiana, to take rank from May 2, 1863.
 C. N. Featherston, of Georgia, to take rank from May 2, 1863.
 R. Crawford, of Alabama, to take rank from May 2, 1863.
 C. G. Ramsay, of Alabama, to take rank from May 2, 1863.
 Thomas M. Deane, of Louisiana, to take rank from May 2, 1863.
 H. L. Bedford, of Tennessee, to take rank from May 2, 1863.
 O. F. Bledsoe, of Mississippi, to take rank from May 2, 1863.
 L. W. Broocks, of Texas, to take rank from May 2, 1863.
 C. Compton, of Georgia, to take rank from May 2, 1863.
 W. C. Nelson, of Mississippi, to take rank from May 2, 1863.
 L. W. McGruder, of Mississippi, to take rank from May 2, 1863.
 W. C. Douglass, of Florida, to take rank from May 2, 1863.
 M. S. Cockrill, of Tennessee, to take rank from May 2, 1863.
 Thomas M. Jones, of Tennessee, to take rank from May 2, 1863.
 F. M. Colston, of ———, to take rank from May 2, 1863.
 And C. Trippie, of Maryland, to take rank from May 2, 1863.

I am, sir, respectfully, your obedient servant,

JAMES A. SEDDON,
Secretary of War.

To His Excellency JEFFERSON DAVIS,
President, &c.

CONFEDERATE STATES OF AMERICA, EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT,
Richmond, June 8, 1864.

To the Senate of the Confederate States:

Agreeably to the recommendation of the Secretary of War, I nominate the officers on the accompanying list to the rank affixed to their names, respectively.

JEFFERSON DAVIS.

[No. 44.] CONFEDERATE STATES OF AMERICA, WAR DEPARTMENT,
Richmond, June 6, 1864.

SIR: I have the honor to recommend the following nominations for appointment in the Provisional Army of the Confederate States of America:

Colonels.

George Flournoy, of Texas, to be colonel Sixteenth Texas Regiment (formed by authority of Brigadier-General Hébert, and approved by the Secretary of War), to rank from April 25, 1862.

D. Howard Smith, of Kentucky, to be colonel Fifth Kentucky Cavalry Regiment (formed by authority of Gen. E. K. Smith, and approved by the Secretary of War), to rank from September 2, 1862.

B. H. Rutledge, of South Carolina, to be colonel Fourth South Carolina Cavalry Regiment, to rank from December 16, 1862.

J. B. Bittle, of Tennessee, to be colonel Nineteenth Tennessee Cavalry Regiment (formed of independent companies), to rank from October 3, 1862.

J. G. Coltart, of Alabama, to be colonel Fiftieth Alabama Regiment (formed of independent companies and the Seventh Alabama Regiment. Company C was origi-

nally assigned by General Bragg, but being contested the commission issues for the first time), to rank from April 16, 1862.

G. N. Folk, of North Carolina, to be colonel Sixty-fifth North Carolina Regiment (formed by the consolidation of the Seventh and Fifth North Carolina battalions), to rank from August 3, 1863.

C. A. Sugg, of Tennessee, to be colonel Fiftieth Tennessee Regiment (formed by consolidation of the old Fiftieth Tennessee Regiment and First Tennessee Battalion), to rank from February 24, 1864.

Lieutenant-colonels.

Arthur Hood, of Georgia, to be lieutenant-colonel Twenty-ninth Georgia Cavalry Battalion (battalion increased to over six companies), to rank from December 10, 1863.

W. H. Redwood, of Texas, to be lieutenant-colonel Sixteenth Texas Regiment (see explanation under nomination of Colonel Flournoy), to rank from September 1, 1863.

William Stokes, of South Carolina, to be lieutenant-colonel Fourth South Carolina Cavalry Regiment, to rank from December 16, 1862.

Alf. H. Baird, of North Carolina, to be lieutenant-colonel Sixty-fifth North Carolina Regiment (see explanation under nomination of Colonel Folk), to rank from August 3, 1863.

L. H. Hill, of Alabama, to be lieutenant-colonel Sixty-first Alabama Regiment. (Nine companies were organized at the date this officer (as well as the major) takes his rank, under the style of the Sixty-first Alabama Regiment; one company was added April 11, 1864, which made it a complete regiment, the colonel's commission dating from that time), to rank from May 2, 1863.

S. H. Colms, of Tennessee, to be lieutenant-colonel Fiftieth Tennessee Regiment (see explanation under nomination of Colonel Sugg), to rank from February 24, 1864.

Majors.

C. H. Camfield, of Georgia, to be major Twenty-ninth Georgia Cavalry Battalion (see explanation under Lieutenant-Colonel Hood's nomination), to rank from December 10, 1863.

X. B. Saunders, of Texas, to be major Sixteenth Texas Cavalry Regiment (see explanation under Colonel Flournoy's nomination), to rank from September 1, 1863.

W. P. Emanuel, of South Carolina, to be major Fourth South Carolina Cavalry Regiment, to rank from December 16, 1862.

John J. Spann, of North Carolina, to be major Sixty-fifth North Carolina Regiment (see explanation under Colonel Folk's nomination), to rank from August 3, 1863.

William E. Pinckard, of Alabama, to be major Sixty-first Alabama Regiment (see explanation under Lieutenant-Colonel Hill's nomination), to rank from May 2, 1863.

I am, sir, respectfully, your obedient servant,

JAMES A. SEDDOX,
Secretary of War.

To His Excellency JEFFERSON DAVIS,
President, etc.

CONFEDERATE STATES OF AMERICA, EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT,
Richmond, June 8, 1864.

To the Senate of the Confederate States:

Agreeably to the recommendation of the Secretary of War, I nominate the officers on the accompanying list to the rank annexed to their names, respectively.

JEFFERSON DAVIS.

No. 45.]

CONFEDERATE STATES OF AMERICA, WAR DEPARTMENT,
Richmond, June 6, 1864.

SIR: I have the honor to recommend the following nominations for appointment in the Provisional Army of the Confederate States of America:

Colonel.

A. C. Haskell, of South Carolina, to be colonel Seventh South Carolina Cavalry Regiment, to rank from April 20, 1864.

Lieutenant-colonel.

Capt. I. G. McKissick, of South Carolina, to be lieutenant-colonel Seventh South Carolina Cavalry Regiment, to rank from April 20, 1864.

I am, sir, respectfully, your obedient servant,

JAMES A. SEDDON,
Secretary of War.

To His Excellency JEFFERSON DAVIS,
President, etc.

CONFEDERATE STATES OF AMERICA, EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT,
Richmond, June 8, 1864.

To the Senate of the Confederate States:

Agreeably to the recommendation of the Secretary of War, I nominate N. P. Trist, of Louisiana, as aid-de-camp to Brig. Gen. Allen Thomas, with rank of first lieutenant in the Provisional Army of the Confederate States of America.

JEFFERSON DAVIS.

CONFEDERATE STATES OF AMERICA, WAR DEPARTMENT,
Richmond, June 6, 1864.

SIR: I have the honor to recommend the nomination of N. P. Trist, of Louisiana, as aid-de-camp to Brig. Gen. Allen Thomas, with rank of first lieutenant in the Provisional Army of the Confederate States of America (an original vacancy), to date from June 5, 1864.

I am, sir, respectfully, your obedient servant,

JAMES A. SEDDON,
Secretary of War.

To His Excellency JEFFERSON DAVIS,
President, etc.

RICHMOND, VA., *June 8, 1864.*

To the Senate and House of Representatives:

I herewith transmit a communication from the Secretary of War, covering copies of additional reports of military operations during the year 1863.

It is suggested that these papers are intended to be used for the information of the members of Congress, and that their publication at this time is unadvisable.

JEFFERSON DAVIS.

The messages were read.

Ordered. That they be referred to the Committee on Military Affairs.

The following message was received from the President of the Confederate States, by Mr. B. N. Harrison, his Secretary:

RICHMOND, VA., *June 8, 1864.*

To the Senate of the Confederate States:

Agreeably to the recommendation of the Secretary of the Treasury, I hereby nominate W. Y. Leitch, to be assistant treasurer at Charleston.

JEFFERSON DAVIS.

TREASURY DEPARTMENT, CONFEDERATE STATES OF AMERICA,
Richmond, June 8, 1864.

His Excellency the PRESIDENT.

SIR: I have the honor to recommend the appointment of W. Y. Leitch, esq., as assistant treasurer at Charleston.

Respectfully,

C. G. MEMMINGER,
Secretary of Treasury.

The message was read.

Ordered. That it be referred to the Committee on Finance.

The following messages were received from the President of the Confederate States, by Mr. B. N. Harrison, his Secretary:

RICHMOND, VA., *June 8, 1864.*

To the Senate of the Confederate States:

Agreeably to the recommendation of the Secretary of the Navy, I hereby nominate the person named upon the annexed list to the office designated.

JEFFERSON DAVIS.

CONFEDERATE STATES OF AMERICA, NAVY DEPARTMENT,
Richmond, June 6, 1864.

THE PRESIDENT.

SIR: I have the honor to recommend the following nomination for promotion in the Provisional Navy for gallant and meritorious conduct:

Commander.

First Lieut. John McL. Kell, of Georgia, for gallant and meritorious conduct as first lieutenant and executive officer of the Confederate States steam sloops Sumter and Alabama, to rank from the 4th day of October, 1863.

I am, respectfully, your obedient servant, S. R. MALLORY,
Secretary of the Navy.

To the Senate of the Confederate States:

Agreeably to the recommendation of the Secretary of the Navy, I hereby nominate the person named upon the annexed list for the office designated.

JEFFERSON DAVIS.

RICHMOND, VA., *June 8, 1864.*

CONFEDERATE STATES OF AMERICA, NAVY DEPARTMENT,
Richmond, June 7, 1864.

THE PRESIDENT.

SIR: I have the honor to recommend the following nomination for appointment in the Provisional Navy:

Assistant paymaster.

Charles G. Pearson, of Florida.

I am, respectfully, your obedient servant, S. R. MALLORY,
Secretary of the Navy.

To the Senate of the Confederate States:

Agreeably to the recommendation of the Secretary of the Navy, I hereby nominate the persons named upon the annexed list to the offices designated.

JEFFERSON DAVIS.

RICHMOND, VA., *June 8, 1864.*

NAVY DEPARTMENT, CONFEDERATE STATES,
Richmond, Va., June 4, 1864.

THE PRESIDENT.

SIR: I have the honor to recommend the following nominations for promotion in the Provisional Navy for gallant and meritorious conduct:

Captain.

Commander James W. Cooke, of North Carolina, for gallant and meritorious conduct in command of the ironclad steam sloop Albemarle on the 19th, 20th, and 21st of April, 1864, in attacking the enemy's ships and batteries, and in cooperation with the army in the capture of the town of Plymouth, N. C., and in the action of the 5th of May, 1864, between the sloop Albemarle under his command and nine of the enemy's gunboats in Albemarle Sound.

Commander.

First Lieut. Hunter Davidson, of Virginia, for gallant and meritorious conduct in command of the torpedo boat Squib in passing through the enemy's fleet off Newport News on the night of the 9th of April, 1864, and attacking the steam frigate Minnesota.

Chief engineer.

First Asst. Engineer Henry X. Wright, of Virginia, for gallant and meritorious conduct as the engineer officer of the torpedo steamer Squib in the attack upon the Minnesota on the night of the 9th of April, 1864, under the command of Lieut. Hunter Davidson.

I am, respectfully, your obedient servant, S. R. MALLORY,
Secretary of the Navy.

The messages were read.

Ordered. That they be referred to the Committee on Naval Affairs.

Mr. Brown, from the Committee on Naval Affairs, to whom were referred (on the 7th instant) the nominations of J. Du Bose Roberts, to

be second lieutenant in the Marine Corps, and of William A. Hearne, to be assistant paymaster in the Provisional Navy, reported, with the recommendation that all of said nominations be confirmed.

The Senate proceeded to the consideration of said report; and in concurrence therewith, it was

Resolved, That the Senate advise and consent to their appointment, agreeably to the nomination of the President.

Mr. Sparrow, from the Committee on Military Affairs, to whom were referred the nominations of W. H. F. Lee, to be major-general; R. C. Tyler, R. L. Page, James Chesnut, W. W. Allen, and John Bratton, to be brigadier-generals; M. L. Stansel, to be colonel; James Gardner, T. G. Trimmier, A. Haynes, W. H. Campbell, to be lieutenant-colonels; W. S. Wallace, L. T. Hudgings, E. S. Ready, John F. Andrews, O. M. Watkins, J. J. Daniel, to be majors; Maynard Gill, L. W. Farmer, John F. Tompkins, S. A. Ragland, W. C. Bourn, John M. Preston, F. S. White, S. H. Newberry, H. T. Coffee, H. W. Abernethy, James L. Clark, E. M. Clayton, B. B. Bower, George T. Fry, W. H. Bray, G. Dewson, Isham M. Blake, J. M. Footman, D. E. Maxwell, G. F. Robinson, Joseph H. Du Pont, Love E. Gilbert, J. F. Tucker, C. M. B. Thurmond, R. N. Thomas, J. A. Shaw, Thomas T. Slade, to be captains; T. A. Gatch, S. A. Willcoxon, C. S. Findley, R. G. Redwood, M. E. Brock, F. P. Fleming, R. F. Hart, R. K. Taylor, John W. Nash, F. T. Rice, E. H. Holton, James Reid, L. S. Warren, E. J. Williams, E. J. Bowen, J. N. Turner, and E. A. Williams, to be first lieutenants; O. S. Cohen, W. M. Mittag, John F. Toulmin, T. H. Davis, W. C. Wall, E. F. Cordell, P. A. Rutledge, John L. Boswell, H. F. Horne, George W. Dell, Nicholas W. Eppes, J. B. Corkern, D. B. Gorham, W. T. McJilton, Daniel McCarthy, A. W. Roberts, E. A. Carmouche, W. G. Hinson, C. T. Pollard, Horatio Davis, A. C. Massenburg, William Ayres, George Poindexter, C. C. Croxton, William Knox, John A. Cannon, M. T. Hutchinson, A. B. Barnett, G. A. Foote, P. W. Collins, and Cadet E. O. Sykes, to be second lieutenants; George Phifer, Augustus W. Belt, Frank L. Glover, Thomas F. Erskine, and A. J. Toutant, to be aids-de-camp, with the rank of first lieutenants; J. W. Tayloe, George C. Jones, D. B. L. Lowe, W. S. Robinson, J. H. Bell, to be adjutants, with the rank of first lieutenants; Charles H. Cawood, Edward S. Ruggles, and W. C. Schley, to be signal officers, with the rank of second lieutenants; Stephen Chalaron, to be first lieutenant Niter and Mining Corps, reported, with the recommendation that all of said nominations be confirmed.

The Senate proceeded to the consideration of said report; and in concurrence therewith, it was

Resolved, That the Senate advise and consent to their appointment, agreeably to the nomination of the President.

The Senate proceeded to the consideration of the resolution submitted by Mr. Wigfall requesting the President of the Confederate States to inform the Senate whether any officers appointed under the Provisional Government, and not reappointed by and with the advice and consent of the Senate, are still discharging the duties of the offices to which they were originally appointed, and that he be also respectfully requested to furnish the names of such persons; and

On motion that the resolution be transferred to the Open Legislative Calendar,

It was determined in the affirmative, } Yeas----- 10
 } Nays ----- 9

On motion by Mr. Hill,

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present,
 Those who voted in the affirmative are,

Messrs. Graham, Haynes, Hunter, Johnson of Missouri, Oldham,
 Orr, Semmes, Walker, Watson, and Wigfall.

Those who voted in the negative are,

Messrs. Baker, Barnwell, Burnett, Henry, Hill, Jemison, Johnson
 of Georgia, Mitchel, and Sparrow.

So it was

Ordered, That the resolution be transferred to the Open Legislative
 Calendar.

On motion by Mr. Walker,

The Senate resolved into secret legislative session.

FRIDAY, JUNE 10, 1864.

OPEN SESSION.

On motion by Mr. Barnwell,

Ordered, That the Committee on Finance be discharged from the
 further consideration of the following subjects:

S. 27. A bill to amend the act to levy additional taxes for the com-
 mon defense and support of the Government;

S. 6. A bill for the relief of States holding Confederate securities;

A resolution inquiring into the expediency of so amending the tax
 law of the 17th of February, 1864, as to provide that no one shall be
 liable to the penalty therein provided for a failure to deliver his title
 in kind when the articles taxed were the products of the year 1863;

So much of the report of the Secretary of War as recommends that
 a rate exceeding one-tenth of the meat, wheat, rice, and the products
 of the sugar cane raised in the Confederate States should be assessed
 and collected in kind;

Memorial of the citizens of Beaufort, in the State of South Carolina;

Memorial of the banking institutions of the city of Savannah, Ga.;

Memorial of John P. King and others;

Petition of employees and detailed men at Columbia, S. C.; and

Petition of the governor, treasurer, and auditor of public accounts
 of the State of Virginia.

The Senate resumed the consideration of the motion submitted by
 Mr. Johnson of Arkansas on the 8th instant, to reconsider the vote
 on passing the bill (S. 49) to authorize the manufacture of spirituous
 liquors for the use of the Army and hospitals; and

On the question to agree thereto,

It was determined in the affirmative, } Yeas----- 9
 } Nays ----- 5

On motion by Mr. Johnson of Arkansas,

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present,
 Those who voted in the affirmative are,

Messrs. Barnwell, Graham, Hunter, Johnson of Georgia, Johnson
 of Arkansas, Johnson of Missouri, Walker, Watson, and Wigfall.

Those who voted in the negative are,

H. R. 119. An act to amend so much of an act entitled "An act to organize forces

to serve during the war," approved February 17, 1864, as relates to the exemption of certain religious denominations; and

H. R. 149. An act to amend an act entitled "An act to regulate the supplies of clothing to enlisted men of the Navy during the war," approved April 30, 1863.

A message from the House of Representatives, by Mr. Dalton:

Mr. President: The House of Representatives have passed the bill of the Senate (S. 77) to amend an act entitled "An act to reduce the currency and to authorize a new issue of notes and bonds," approved February 17, 1864.

And they have passed the bill of the Senate (S. 20) to establish a bureau of foreign supplies, with amendments; in which they request the concurrence of the Senate.

The Speaker of the House of Representatives having signed sundry enrolled bills and an enrolled joint resolution, I am directed to bring them to the Senate for the signature of their President.

On motion by Mr. Walker.

Ordered, That the President pro tempore appoint two additional members, temporarily, on the Committee on Engrossment and Enrollment; and

Mr. Johnson of Missouri and Mr. Burnett were appointed.

Mr. Johnson of Missouri, from the committee, reported that they had examined and found truly enrolled bills and a joint resolution of the following titles:

S. 76. An act to authorize the appointment of additional officers of artillery for ordnance duties;

H. R. 108. An act to amend the laws relating to the tax in kind;

H. R. 112. An act to amend an act to organize forces to serve during the war, approved 17th February, 1864;

H. R. 148. An act to raise money to increase the pay of soldiers;

H. R. 150. An act concerning the salary of the Treasurer;

H. R. 153. An act to amend an act entitled "An act for the relief of taxpayers in certain cases," approved February 13, 1864; and

H. R. 13. Joint resolution to allow sick and wounded officers of the Army transportation to their homes, and hospital accommodations.

The President pro tempore having signed the enrolled bills and enrolled joint resolution last reported to have been examined, they were delivered to the Secretary of the Senate and by him forthwith presented to the President of the Confederate States for his approval.

Mr. Walker, from the committee, reported that they had examined and found truly enrolled bills and a joint resolution of the following titles:

S. 43. An act to graduate the pay of general officers;

S. 59. An act to authorize the owners of the registered eight per cent ten-year convertible bonds issued under the provisions of the act approved May 16, 1861, to exchange the same for coupon bonds;

H. R. 123. An act making appropriations for the support of the Government of the Confederate States of America from July 1 to December 31, 1864, and to supply a deficiency; and

H. R. 11. Joint resolution of thanks to Maj. Gen. Richard Taylor and the officers and men of his command.

The President pro tempore having signed the enrolled bills and enrolled joint resolution last reported to have been examined, they were delivered to the Secretary of the Senate and by him forthwith presented to the President of the Confederate States for his approval.

A message from the President of the Confederate States, by Mr. B. N. Harrison, his Secretary:

Mr. President: The President of the Confederate States, yesterday, approved and signed the following acts:

S. 34. An act to provide for the compensation of noncommissioned officers, soldiers, sailors, and marines on detailed service; and

S. 38. An act for the payment of commissioners appointed under the act entitled "An act to suspend the privilege of the writ of habeas corpus in certain cases," and to confer certain powers upon said commissioners.

Ordered, That the Secretary inform the House of Representatives thereof.

The Senate proceeded to consider the amendments of the House of Representatives to the amendments of the Senate to the bill (H. R. 138) to increase the compensation of the heads of the several Executive Departments and the Assistant Secretary of War and the Treasury; and

On motion by Mr. Barnwell,

Ordered, That they be referred to the Committee on Finance.

The Senate proceeded to consider the amendments of the House of Representatives to the bill (S. 20) to establish a bureau of foreign supplies; and

Resolved, That they concur therein.

Ordered, That the Secretary inform the House of Representatives thereof.

Mr. Orr (by leave) introduced

A joint resolution (S. 14) for the relief of James Lyons; which was read the first and second times and considered as in Committee of the Whole; and no amendment being proposed, it was reported to the Senate.

Ordered, That it be engrossed and read a third time.

The said resolution was read the third time.

Resolved, That it pass, and that the title thereof be as aforesaid.

Ordered, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the House of Representatives therein.

Mr. Wigfall (by leave) introduced

A bill (S. 79) to allow agents of the Associated Press to purchase forage and rations;

which was read the first and second times and considered as in Committee of the Whole; and having been amended on the motion of Mr. Wigfall, the bill was reported to the Senate and the amendment was concurred in.

Ordered, That the bill be engrossed and read a third time.

The said bill was read the third time.

On the question,

Shall the bill now pass?

It was determined in the negative,	{ Yeas -----	8
	{ Nays -----	11

On motion by Mr. Johnson of Arkansas,

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present, Those who voted in the affirmative are,

Messrs. Burnett, Jemison, Mitchel, Oldham, Semmes, Sparrow, Walker, and Wigfall.

Those who voted in the negative are,

Messrs. Baker, Barnwell, Graham, Henry, Hill, Hunter, Johnson of Georgia, Johnson of Arkansas, Johnson of Missouri, Orr, and Watson.

So it was

Resolved, That the bill do not pass.

The Senate proceeded, as in Committee of the Whole, to the consideration of the bill (H. R. 12) to provide for the enrollment and conscription of certain noncommissioned officers and privates in the Trans-Mississippi Department; and the reported amendments having been agreed to, the bill was reported to the Senate and the amendments were concurred in.

Ordered, That the amendments be engrossed and the bill read a third time.

The said bill as amended was read the third time.

Resolved, That it pass with amendments.

Ordered, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the House of Representatives in the amendments.

Mr. Wigfall (by leave) introduced

A bill (S. 80) to extend the provisions of an act entitled "An act to provide for the appointment of officers with temporary rank and command" to officers of and below the grade of colonel; which was read the first and second times and considered as in Committee of the Whole; and

The hour of half past 3 o'clock having arrived,

The Senate took a recess until 8 o'clock p. m.

8 O'CLOCK P. M.

A message from the House of Representatives, by Mr. McDonald:

Mr. President: The House of Representatives agree to some and disagree to other amendments of the Senate to the bill (H. R. 107) to amend the tax laws, and they agree to other amendments of the Senate to said bill, with amendments; in which they request the concurrence of the Senate.

The Senate proceeded to consider their amendments to the bill (H. R. 107) last mentioned, amended and disagreed to by the House of Representatives; and

On motion by Mr. Orr,

Resolved, That the Senate insist on their amendments disagreed to by the House of Representatives, disagree to the amendments of the House of Representatives to the amendments of the Senate to the said bill, and ask a conference on the disagreeing votes of the two Houses thereon.

Ordered, That the committee of conference on the part of the Senate be appointed by the President pro tempore; and

Mr. Barnwell, Mr. Semmes, and Mr. Oldham were appointed.

Ordered, That the Secretary inform the House of Representatives thereof.

Mr. Barnwell, from the Committee on Finance, to whom were referred the amendments of the House of Representatives to the amendments of the Senate to the bill (H. R. 138) to increase the compensation of the heads of the several Executive Departments and the Assistant Secretary of War and the Treasury, reported thereon.

The Senate proceeded to consider the amendments of the House of Representatives to their amendments to the bill (H. R. 138) last mentioned; and

Resolved, That the Senate disagree to the amendments of the House of Representatives to the amendments of the Senate to the said bill.

Ordered, That the Secretary inform the House of Representatives thereof.

On motion by Mr. Sparrow,

The Senate resolved into executive session.

The doors having been opened,

The following message was received from the House of Representatives, by Mr. Dalton:

Mr. President: The House of Representatives have passed a bill and joint resolution of the following titles; in which they request the concurrence of the Senate:

H. R. 155. An act in relation to the pay of clerks in the office of the depository; and

H. R. 14. Joint resolution explanatory of the act to increase the compensation of certain civil officers and employees in the President's office and in the executive and legislative departments at Richmond for a limited period, approved January 30, 1864.

The President of the Confederate States has notified the House of Representatives that he has this day approved and signed the following acts and joint resolutions:

H. R. 108. An act to amend the laws relating to the tax in kind;

H. R. 112. An act to amend an act to organize forces to serve during the war, approved 17th February, 1864;

H. R. 124. An act making appropriations for the postal service of the Confederate States for the year 1862 and 1863;

H. R. 148. An act to raise money to increase the pay of soldiers;

H. R. 150. An act concerning the salary of the Treasurer;

H. R. 153. An act to amend an act entitled "An act for the relief of taxpayers in certain cases," approved February 13, 1864;

H. R. 11. Joint resolution of thanks to Maj. Gen. Richard Taylor and the officers and men of his command; and

H. R. 13. Joint resolution to allow sick and wounded officers of the Army transportation to their homes, and hospital accommodations.

And that on the 9th instant he approved and signed the following acts:

H. R. 106. An act to increase the compensation of the noncommissioned officers and privates of the Army of the Confederate States; and

H. R. 134. An act to amend an act entitled "An act to establish a niter and mining bureau," approved April 22, 1863.

A message from the House of Representatives, by Mr. Lamar, their Clerk:

Mr. President: The President of the Confederate States having returned to the House of Representatives, in which it originated, the bill (H. R. 147) entitled "An act to amend an act entitled 'An act to impose regulations upon the foreign commerce of the Confederate States to provide for the public defense,' approved February sixth, eighteen hundred and sixty-four," with his objections thereto, the House of Representatives proceeded, in pursuance of the Constitution, to reconsider the same; and

Resolved, That the said bill do not pass, two-thirds of the House of Representatives not agreeing to pass the same.

Mr. Henry submitted the following resolution for consideration:

Resolved (the House of Representatives concurring), That the time fixed for the adjournment of the present session of Congress be extended to Tuesday, the fourteenth day of June, instant, and that the President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of Representatives adjourn their respective Houses, sine die, at twelve o'clock meridian, on that day.

The Senate proceeded to consider the said resolution; and

On motion by Mr. Orr, that the further consideration thereof be postponed until 11 o'clock to-morrow,

It was determined in the negative.

On motion by Mr. Jemison, to amend the resolution by striking out "Tuesday" and inserting "Monday,"

It was determined in the negative.

The resolution was then agreed to.

On motion by Mr. Sparrow, to reconsider the vote on agreeing to the resolution,

It was determined in the negative.

Ordered, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the House of Representatives in the resolution.

Mr. Orr submitted the following motion for consideration:

Ordered, That the vote on passing the resolution submitted by Mr. Sparrow, from the Committee on Military Affairs, on the 8th instant, requiring the reports of officers of military operations which have been communicated to the Senate by the President at the present session to be placed upon the files of the Senate, and directing the Secretary not to furnish copies of said reports to anyone without the leave of the Senate, be reconsidered.

On motion by Mr. Watson,

The Senate resolved into secret legislative session.

The doors having been opened,

On motion by Mr. Jemison,

Ordered, That when the Senate adjourn it be to 10 o'clock a. m. to-morrow.

The following bill and joint resolution were severally read the first and second times and referred to the Committee on Finance:

H. R. 155. An act in relation to the pay of clerks in the office of the depository; and

H. R. 14. Joint resolution explanatory of the act to increase the compensation of certain civil officers and employees in the President's office and in the executive and legislative departments at Richmond for a limited period, approved January 30, 1864.

Mr. Brown submitted the following resolution; which was considered and agreed to:

Resolved, That there be paid to the page of the Senate, out of the contingent fund of the Senate, one hundred per cent on his present per diem, to commence with the present session and to continue during the next session.

On motion by Mr. Sparrow,

Ordered, That the Committee on Military Affairs be discharged from the further consideration of the memorial of J. S. Dawson.

Mr. Sparrow, from the Committee on Military Affairs, to whom was referred the bill (S. 72) to amend an act entitled "An act to organize military courts to attend the Army of the Confederate States in the field, and to define the powers of said courts," approved October 9, 1862, reported it without amendment.

On motion by Mr. Sparrow,

The Senate adjourned.

SECRET SESSION.

A message from the President of the Confederate States, by Mr. B. N. Harrison, his Secretary:

Mr. President: The President of the Confederate States has, to-day, approved and signed an act (S. 67) to organize a corps of scouts and guards to facilitate communication with the Trans-Mississippi Department.

Ordered, That the Secretary inform the House of Representatives thereof.

The Senate resumed, as in Committee of the Whole, the consideration of the joint resolution (S. 13) declaring the dispositions, principles, and purposes of the Confederate States in relation to the existing war with the United States; and

After debate,

On motion by Mr. Graham,

The Senate resolved into executive session.

Having again resolved into secret legislative session,

The Senate resumed, as in Committee of the Whole, the consideration of the joint resolution (S. 13) declaring the dispositions, principles, and purposes of the Confederate States in relation to the existing war with the United States; and no amendment being proposed, it was reported to the Senate.

Ordered, That it be engrossed and read a third time.

The said resolution was read the third time.

On the question,

Shall the resolution now pass?

It was determined in the affirmative,	{ Yeas	12
	{ Nays	7

On motion by Mr. Orr,

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present.

Those who voted in the affirmative are,

Messrs. Barnwell, Brown, Graham, Henry, Hill, Jemison, Johnson of Georgia, Orr, Semmes, Sparrow, Walker, and Watson.

Those who voted in the negative are,

Messrs. Baker, Burnett, Hunter, Johnson of Arkansas, Mitchel, Oldham, and Wigfall.

So it was

Resolved, That this resolution pass, and that the title thereof be as aforesaid.

Ordered, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the House of Representatives therein.

The Senate resumed, as in Committee of the Whole, the consideration of the joint resolution (S. 10) in relation to the opening of negotiations for peace between the Confederate States and the United States.

On motion by Mr. Jemison, that the further consideration of the resolution be postponed until 11 o'clock to-morrow,

It was determined in the negative.

On motion by Mr. Johnson of Georgia, to amend the resolution by striking all out after "*Resolved*" and inserting:

That the event of signal success to our arms in the pending campaigns would furnish an opportune occasion for an effort to open negotiations with the United States for peace between that Government and the Confederate States, and that the Senate respectfully advise the President to embrace it,

It was determined in the negative,	{ Yeas	7
	{ Nays	11

On motion by Mr. Orr,

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present.

Those who voted in the affirmative are,

Messrs. Baker, Hunter, Jemison, Johnson of Georgia, Johnson of Arkansas, Semmes, and Sparrow.

Those who voted in the negative are,

Messrs. Brown, Burnett, Graham, Henry, Hill, Mitchel, Oldham, Orr, Walker, Watson, and Wigfall.

No amendment being made, the resolution was reported to the Senate.

Ordered, That it be engrossed and read a third time.

The said resolution was read the third time.

On the question,

Shall the resolution now pass?

It was determined in the negative,	{ Yeas.....	5
	{ Nays.....	14

On motion by Mr. Orr,

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present, Those who voted in the affirmative are,

Messrs. Graham, Hill, Orr, Walker, and Watson.

Those who voted in the negative are,

Messrs. Baker, Barnwell, Brown, Burnett, Henry, Hunter, Jemison, Johnson of Georgia, Johnson of Arkansas, Mitchel, Oldham, Semmes, Sparrow, and Wigfall.

So it was

Resolved, That the resolution do not pass.

On motion by Mr. Wigfall, that the vote on passing the joint resolution (S. 13) declaring the dispositions, principles, and purposes of the Confederate States in relation to the existing war with the United States be reconsidered,

It was determined in the negative	{ Yeas.....	8
	{ Nays.....	10

On motion by Mr. Orr,

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present, Those who voted in the affirmative are,

Messrs. Barnwell, Burnett, Hunter, Johnson of Arkansas, Mitchel, Oldham, Semmes, and Wigfall.

Those who voted in the negative are,

Messrs. Brown, Graham, Henry, Hill, Jemison, Johnson of Georgia, Orr, Sparrow, Walker, and Watson.

So the Senate refused to reconsider the vote on passing the said resolution.

On motion by Mr. Semmes,

The Senate resolved into open legislative session.

EXECUTIVE SESSION.

Mr. Graham, from the Committee on Naval Affairs, to whom were referred the nominations of James W. Cooke, to be captain; Hunter Davidson, to be commander; Henry X. Wright, to be chief engineer; John McL. Kell, to be commander; Charles G. Pearson, to be assistant paymaster, reported, with the recommendation that all of said nominations be confirmed.

The Senate proceeded to the consideration of said report; and in concurrence therewith, it was

Resolved, That the Senate advise and consent to their appointment, agreeably to the nomination of the President.

Mr. Barnwell, from the Committee on Finance, to whom was referred the nomination of W. Y. Leitch as assistant treasurer at Charleston, reported, with the recommendation that the said nomination be confirmed.

The Senate proceeded to the consideration of said report; and in concurrence therewith, it was

Resolved, That the Senate advise and consent to his appointment, agreeably to the nomination of the President.

The following message was received from the President of the Confederate States, by Mr. B. N. Harrison, his Secretary:

CONFEDERATE STATES OF AMERICA, EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT,

Richmond, June 9, 1864.

To the Senate of the Confederate States:

Agreeably to the recommendation of the Secretary of War, I nominate Brig. Gen. E. C. Walthall, of Mississippi, to temporary rank of major-general (under act approved May 31, 1864) in the Provisional Army of the Confederate States of America.

JEFFERSON DAVIS.

CONFEDERATE STATES OF AMERICA, WAR DEPARTMENT,

Richmond, June 6, 1864.

SIR: I have the honor to recommend the nomination of Brig. Gen. E. C. Walthall, of Mississippi, to temporary rank of major-general (under act approved May 31, 1864) in the Provisional Army of the Confederate States of America, to command a new division, to be formed in Polk's Corps, Army of Tennessee, to date from June 6, 1864.

I am, sir, respectfully, your obedient servant,

JAMES A. SEDDON,

Secretary of War.

To His Excellency JEFFERSON DAVIS,

President, etc.

The message was read.

The Senate proceeded to consider the nomination of E. C. Walthall for temporary appointment (under act approved May 31, 1864) as major-general; and

Resolved, That the Senate advise and consent to the temporary appointment of E. C. Walthall, to be major-general, agreeably to the nomination of the President.

The following message was received from the President of the Confederate States, by Mr. B. N. Harrison, his Secretary:

CONFEDERATE STATES OF AMERICA, EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT,

Richmond, June 10, 1864.

To the Senate of the Confederate States:

Agreeably to the recommendation of the Secretary of War, I nominate Col. W. R. Terry, of Virginia, to be a brigadier-general, with temporary rank (under act approved May 31, 1864), in the Provisional Army of the Confederate States of America.

JEFFERSON DAVIS.

CONFEDERATE STATES OF AMERICA, WAR DEPARTMENT,

Richmond, June 10, 1864.

SIR: I have the honor to recommend the nomination of Col. W. R. Terry, of Virginia, to temporary rank of brigadier-general in the Provisional Army of the Confederate States of America (under act approved May 31, 1864), to command Kemper's brigade, Army of Northern Virginia, vice Brigadier-General Kemper, assigned to command of Virginia Reserve Forces.

I am, sir, respectfully, your obedient servant,

JAMES A. SEDDON,

Secretary of War.

To His Excellency JEFFERSON DAVIS,

President, etc.

The message was read.

The Senate proceeded to consider the nomination of W. R. Terry, for temporary appointment (under act approved May 31, 1864) as brigadier-general; and

Resolved, That the Senate advise and consent to the temporary appointment of W. R. Terry, to be brigadier-general, agreeably to the nomination of the President.

The following messages were received from the President of the Confederate States, by Mr. B. N. Harrison, his Secretary:

CONFEDERATE STATES OF AMERICA, EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT,

Richmond, June 10, 1864.

To the Senate of the Confederate States:

Agreeably to the recommendation of the Secretary of War, I nominate Col. John S. Preston, of South Carolina, to be a brigadier-general in the Provisional Army of the Confederate States of America, under act approved October 13, 1862.

JEFFERSON DAVIS.

CONFEDERATE STATES OF AMERICA, WAR DEPARTMENT,

Richmond, June 8, 1864.

SIR: I have the honor to recommend the nomination of Col. John S. Preston, of South Carolina, to be a brigadier-general in the Provisional Army of the Confederate States of America, under act approved October 13, 1862, to rank from confirmation.

I am, sir, respectfully, your obedient servant,

JAMES A. SEDDON,
Secretary of War.

To His Excellency JEFFERSON DAVIS,
President, etc.

CONFEDERATE STATES OF AMERICA, EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT,

Richmond, June 10, 1864.

To the Senate of the Confederate States:

Agreeably to the recommendation of the Secretary of War, I nominate Capt. D. G. Fleming, of South Carolina, to be colonel Twenty-second South Carolina Regiment, in the Provisional Army of the Confederate States, vice Colonel Dantzler, killed in action.

JEFFERSON DAVIS.

WAR DEPARTMENT, CONFEDERATE STATES OF AMERICA,

Richmond, June 8, 1864.

SIR: I have the honor to recommend the nomination of Capt. D. G. Fleming, of South Carolina, to be colonel Twenty-second South Carolina Regiment, in the Provisional Army of the Confederate States of America, vice Col. O. M. Dantzler, killed, the officers entitled to promotion waiving their claims, to rank from June 2, 1864.

I am, sir, respectfully, your obedient servant,

JAMES A. SEDDON,
Secretary of War.

To His Excellency JEFFERSON DAVIS,
President, etc.

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT, CONFEDERATE STATES OF AMERICA,

Richmond, June 10, 1864.

To the Senate of the Confederate States:

Agreeably to the recommendation of the Secretary of War, I nominate S. F. Green, of Mississippi, to be adjutant of the Eighteenth Mississippi Battalion, Partisan Rangers, with the rank of first lieutenant in the Provisional Army of the Confederate States of America.

JEFFERSON DAVIS.

WAR DEPARTMENT, CONFEDERATE STATES OF AMERICA,

Richmond, June 8, 1864.

SIR: I have the honor to recommend the nomination of S. F. Green, of Mississippi, to be adjutant of the Eighteenth Mississippi Battalion, Partisan Rangers, with the rank of first lieutenant in the Provisional Army of the Confederate States of America (an original vacancy), to date from June 1, 1863.

I am, sir, respectfully, your obedient servant,

JAMES A. SEDDON,
Secretary of War.

To His Excellency JEFFERSON DAVIS,
President, etc.

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT, CONFEDERATE STATES OF AMERICA,
Richmond, June 9, 1864.

To the Senate of the Confederate States:

Agreeably to the recommendation of the Secretary of War, I nominate the officers on the accompanying list to the rank affixed to their names, respectively.

JEFFERSON DAVIS.

No. 46.] WAR DEPARTMENT, CONFEDERATE STATES OF AMERICA,
Richmond, June 6, 1864.

SIR: I have the honor to recommend the following nominations for appointment in the Provisional Army of the Confederate States of America:

Major-general.

Franklin Gardner, of Louisiana, to take rank from December 13, 1862.

Brigadier-general.

Alfred Iverson, of North Carolina, to take rank from November 1, 1862.

I am, sir, respectfully, your obedient servant.

JAMES A. SEDDON,
Secretary of War.

To His Excellency JEFFERSON DAVIS,
President, etc.

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT, CONFEDERATE STATES OF AMERICA,
Richmond, June 10, 1864.

To the Senate of the Confederate States:

Agreeably to the recommendation of the Secretary of War, I nominate the officers on the accompanying list to the rank affixed to their names, respectively.

JEFFERSON DAVIS.

No. 47.] WAR DEPARTMENT, CONFEDERATE STATES OF AMERICA,
Richmond, June 8, 1864.

SIR: I have the honor to recommend the following nominations for promotion in the Provisional Army of the Confederate States of America:

Colonels.

Lieut. Col. Jack Wharton, of Texas, to be colonel Sixth Texas Cavalry Regiment, vice Colonel Ross, promoted, to rank from December 21, 1863.

Lieut. Col. T. W. Hooper, of Georgia, to be colonel Twenty-first Georgia Regiment, vice Colonel Mercer, killed, to rank from April 18, 1864.

Lieut. Col. W. H. Wallace, of South Carolina, to be colonel Eighteenth South Carolina Regiment, vice Colonel Gadberry, killed, to rank from August 30, 1862.

Lieut. Col. M. D. L. Stephens, of Mississippi, to be colonel Thirty-first Mississippi Regiment, vice Colonel Orr, resigned, to rank from March 11, 1864.

Lieutenant-colonels.

Maj. T. C. Glover, of Georgia, to be lieutenant-colonel Twenty-first Georgia Regiment, vice Lieutenant-Colonel Hooper, promoted, to rank from April 18, 1864.

Maj. W. B. Allison, of South Carolina, to be lieutenant-colonel Eighteenth South Carolina Regiment, vice Lieutenant-Colonel Wallace, promoted, to rank from August 30, 1862.

Maj. J. W. Drane, of Mississippi, to be lieutenant-colonel Thirty-first Mississippi Regiment, vice Lieutenant-Colonel Stephens, promoted, to rank from March 11, 1864.

Maj. W. M. Shy, of Tennessee, to be lieutenant-colonel Twentieth Tennessee Regiment, vice Lieutenant-Colonel Lavender, resigned, to rank from June 24, 1863.

Maj. W. C. Crow, of Louisiana, to be lieutenant-colonel Twenty-sixth Louisiana Regiment, vice Lieutenant-Colonel Hall, promoted, to rank from November 25, 1862.

I am, sir, respectfully, your obedient servant,

JAMES A. SEDDON,
Secretary of War.

To His Excellency JEFFERSON DAVIS,
President, etc.

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT, CONFEDERATE STATES OF AMERICA,
Richmond, June 10, 1864.

To the Senate of the Confederate States:

Agreeably to the recommendation of the Secretary of War, I nominate the officers on the accompanying list to the rank affixed to their names, respectively.

JEFFERSON DAVIS.

WAR DEPARTMENT, CONFEDERATE STATES OF AMERICA,
Richmond, June 8, 1864.

SIR: I have the honor to recommend the following nominations for appointment in the Provisional Army of the Confederate States of America for distinguished valor and skill:

Captain.

Junius Kimball, of Tennessee, to be captain Company A, Fourteenth Tennessee Regiment, to rank from May 28, 1864.

Second lieutenant.

B. C. Harrison, of Alabama, to be second lieutenant Company I, Fifty-first Alabama Regiment, to rank from May 26, 1864.

I am, sir, respectfully, your obedient servant,

JAMES A. SEDDON,
Secretary of War.

To His Excellency JEFFERSON DAVIS,
President, &c.

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT, CONFEDERATE STATES OF AMERICA,
Richmond, June 9, 1864.

To the Senate of the Confederate States:

Agreeably to the recommendation of the Secretary of War, I nominate Capt. John M. Otey, of Virginia, to be an assistant adjutant-general, with the rank of lieutenant-colonel in the Provisional Army of the Confederate States of America.

JEFFERSON DAVIS.

WAR DEPARTMENT, CONFEDERATE STATES OF AMERICA,
Richmond, June 6, 1864.

SIR: I have the honor to recommend the nomination of Capt. John M. Otey, of Virginia, to be an assistant adjutant-general, with the rank of lieutenant-colonel in the Provisional Army of the Confederate States of America, for duty in Department of Southern Virginia and North Carolina, to date from June 2, 1864.

I am, sir, respectfully, your obedient servant,

JAMES A. SEDDON,
Secretary of War.

To His Excellency JEFFERSON DAVIS,
President, &c.

The messages were read.

Ordered, That they be referred to the Committee on Military Affairs.

On motion by Mr. Oldham.

The Senate resolved into open legislative session.

The Senate having again resolved into executive session,

Mr. Sparrow, from the Committee on Military Affairs, to whom were referred the nominations of Franklin Gardner and J. B. Magruder, to be major-generals; John H. Winder, H. H. Sibley, R. S. Ripley, N. G. Evans, William M. Gardner, H. W. Mercer, T. P. Dockery, T. N. Waul, John S. Preston, to be brigadier-generals; D. G. Fleming, Jack Wharton, T. W. Hooper, W. H. Wallace, M. D. L. Stephens, George Flournoy, D. H. Smith, B. H. Rutledge, J. B. Biddle, J. G. Coltart, G. N. Folk, C. A. Sugg, and A. C. Haskell, to be colonels; I. G. McKissick, T. C. Glover, W. B. Allison, J. W. Drane, W. M. Shy, W. C. Crow, Arthur Hood, W. H. Redwood, William Stokes, Alf. H. Baird, L. H.

Hill, and S. H. Colms, to be lieutenant-colonels; W. P. Emanuel, John J. Spann, and William E. Pinckard, to be majors; Junius Kimball, to be captain; B. C. Harrison, to be second lieutenant; George B. Hodge, to be assistant adjutant-general, with the rank of colonel; John M. Otey, to be assistant adjutant-general, with the rank of lieutenant-colonel; T. H. Hays, to be assistant adjutant-general, with the rank of major; William Wren, to be assistant adjutant-general, with the rank of captain; S. F. Green, to be adjutant, and J. W. Hayne and N. P. Trist, to be aids-de-camp, with rank of first lieutenant; E. P. Alexander, to be brigadier-general of artillery; Thomas H. Carter, Hilary P. Jones, and Melancthon Smith, to be colonels of artillery; James Dearing, Frank Huger, C. M. Braxton, W. J. Pegram, D. G. McIntosh, W. T. Poague, R. A. Hardaway, Charles Richardson, L. Hoxton, and S. C. Williams, to be lieutenant-colonels of artillery; W. E. Cutshaw, T. C. Jordan, M. B. Miller, Robert M. Stribling, R. C. M. Page, David Watson, Joseph McGraw, M. Johnson, George Ward, V. Maurin, M. N. Moorman, R. P. Chew, W. H. Caskie, J. H. Pratt, and R. Cobb, to be majors of artillery; P. B. Stanard, Henry Myers, E. B. Smith, J. T. Trezevant, T. M. Bowyer, and R. Milton Cary, to be majors of ordnance; W. C. Duxbury, W. D. Harden, Thaddeus A. Smith, J. Wilcox Brown, J. C. Little, Charles Grattan, W. Latham, James Dinwiddie, James M. Boyd, C. C. Pinckney, John M. Gregory, Thomas W. Pierce, James G. Clark, C. L. C. Minor, Henry Seabrook, Leonidas Points, W. N. McDonald, George Little, C. F. Vanderford, L. R. Evans, and W. H. Warren, to be captains of ordnance; Jas. C. Calhoun, John F. Porteous, John Forrest, R. E. Baker, H. S. Cunningham, James N. Brickell, James H. George, E. C. Robbins, M. C. Burke, W. A. Parker, R. V. Booth, S. H. Coleman, George H. King, J. W. Stewart, James E. Webb, Horace E. Ross, Bradford Nichol, and W. Thurmond, to be first lieutenants of ordnance; B. L. Braselman, H. H. Stevens, C. N. Featherston, R. Crawford, C. G. Ramsay, Thomas M. Deane, H. L. Bedford, O. F. Bledsoe, L. W. Broocks, C. Compton, W. C. Nelson, L. W. McGruder, W. C. Douglass, M. S. Cockrill, Thomas M. Jones, F. M. Colston, and And. C. Trippe, to be second lieutenants of ordnance, reported, with the recommendation that all of said nominations be confirmed.

The Senate proceeded to the consideration of said report; and in concurrence therewith, it was

Resolved, That the Senate advise and consent to their appointment, agreeably to the nomination of the President.

Mr. Sparrow, from the Committee on Military Affairs, to whom were referred the nominations of P. O. Hébert, J. H. Trapier, and A. R. Lawton, to be brigadier-generals, and F. H. Robertson, to be lieutenant-colonel of artillery, reported thereon.

The Senate proceeded to consider the said nominations; and

On motion by Mr. Sparrow,

Ordered, That they lie upon the table.

Mr. Sparrow, from the Committee on Military Affairs, to whom was referred the nomination of Alfred Iverson, to be brigadier-general, reported, with the recommendation that said nomination be confirmed.

The Senate proceeded to consider said report; and

After debate,

On the question,

Will the Senate advise and consent to the appointment of Alfred Iverson, to be brigadier-general?

It was determined in the affirmative, { Yeas----- 14
Nays----- 2

On motion by Mr. Graham,

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present,
Those who voted in the affirmative are,

Messrs. Baker, Barnwell, Brown, Burnett, Henry, Hill, Hunter, Jemison, Johnson of Georgia, Mitchel, Semmes, Sparrow, Walker, and Watson.

Those who voted in the negative are,

Messrs. Graham and Orr.

So it was

Resolved, That the Senate advise and consent to the appointment of Alfred Iverson, to be brigadier-general, agreeably to the nomination of the President.

On motion by Mr. Watson,

The Senate resolved into open legislative session.

SATURDAY, JUNE 11, 1864.

OPEN SESSION.

A message from the House of Representatives, by Mr. Dalton:

Mr. President: The House of Representatives agree to the resolution of the Senate extending the time for the adjournment of the present session of Congress to Tuesday, the 14th instant.

The President pro tempore laid before the Senate a communication from the Secretary of the Treasury, transmitting, in conformity with an act of Congress, a list of certificates filed in that Department for increased compensation of officers and employees in the various Executive Departments who are liable to perform military duty; which was read.

Ordered, That it lie upon the table.

Mr. Barnwell, from the Committee on Finance, to whom was referred the bill (H. R. 155) in relation to the pay of clerks in the office of the depository, reported it without amendment.

The Senate proceeded, as in Committee of the Whole, to the consideration of the said bill; and no amendment being proposed, it was reported to the Senate.

Ordered, That it pass to a third reading.

The said bill was read the third time.

Resolved, That it pass.

Ordered, That the Secretary inform the House of Representatives thereof.

Mr. Barnwell, from the Committee on Finance, to whom was referred the joint resolution (H. R. 14) explanatory of the act to increase the compensation of certain civil officers and employees in the President's office and in the executive and legislative departments at Richmond for a limited period, approved January 30, 1864, reported it with the recommendation that it ought not to pass.

The Senate proceeded, as in Committee of the Whole, to the consideration of the said resolution; and no amendment being proposed, it was reported to the Senate.

On the question,
 Shall the resolution be read a third time?
 It was determined in the negative.
 So the resolution was rejected.

Ordered, That the Secretary inform the House of Representatives thereof.

Mr. Burnett, from the Committee on Claims, to whom was referred the bill (S. 47) to facilitate the settlement of the claims of deceased soldiers, reported it with the recommendation that it ought not to pass.

The Senate proceeded, as in Committee of the Whole, to the consideration of the bill (S. 80) to extend the provisions of an act entitled "An act to provide for the appointment of officers with temporary rank and command" to officers of and below the grade of colonel; and no amendment being proposed, it was reported to the Senate.

On the question,
 Shall the bill be engrossed and read a third time?
 It was determined in the negative.
 So the bill was rejected.

On motion by Mr. Henry,

Ordered, That the Hon. Landon C. Haynes have leave of absence from the sessions of the Senate during the remainder of the present session.

Mr. Semmes (by leave) introduced

A bill (S. 81) in relation to general officers heretofore appointed; which was read the first and second times and considered as in Committee of the Whole.

On motion by Mr. Oldham, that the bill be referred to the Committee on Military Affairs,

It was determined in the negative.

No amendment being proposed, the bill was reported to the Senate.

Ordered, That it be engrossed and read a third time.

The said bill was read the third time.

On the question,
 Shall the bill now pass?

It was determined in the negative.

So it was

Resolved, That the bill do not pass.

The Senate resumed, as in Committee of the Whole, the consideration of the bill (S. 36) to provide for the impressment of the railroad iron, equipments, and rolling stock of railroads when the same shall become necessary for the public defense, and to make further provisions for the efficient transportation of troops and military supplies.

On the question to agree to the motion submitted by Mr. Graham on the 4th instant, that the further consideration of the bill be postponed indefinitely,

It was determined in the negative,	{ Yeas -----	4
	{ Nays -----	12

On motion by Mr. Graham,

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present,
 Those who voted in the affirmative are,

Messrs. Baker, Graham, Oldham, and Walker.

Those who voted in the negative are,

Messrs. Barnwell, Burnett, Henry, Hunter, Jemison, Johnson of Missouri, Mitchel, Orr, Semmes, Simms, Sparrow, and Watson.

No amendment being proposed, the bill was reported to the Senate.
Ordered, That it be engrossed and read a third time.

The said bill was read the third time.

Resolved, That it pass, and that the title thereof be as aforesaid.

Ordered, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the House of Representatives therein.

The Senate resumed the consideration of the bill (S. 64) to provide for the establishment of a bureau of polytechnics for the examination, experiment, and application of warlike inventions.

On the question,

Shall the bill now pass?

It was determined in the negative,	{ Yeas -----	7
	{ Nays -----	10

On motion by Mr. Graham.

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present.
 Those who voted in the affirmative are,

Messrs. Burnett, Henry, Johnson of Missouri, Oldham, Simms, Sparrow, and Wigfall.

Those who voted in the negative are,

Messrs. Baker, Barnwell, Graham, Hill, Hunter, Jemison, Orr, Semmes, Walker, and Watson.

So it was

Resolved, That the bill do not pass.

The Senate proceeded, as in Committee of the Whole, to the consideration of the bill (S. 18) to repeal an act entitled "An act to provide a staff and clerical force for any general who may be assigned by the President to duty at the seat of government;" and

On motion by Mr. Henry.

Ordered, That it lie upon the table.

The Senate proceeded, as in Committee of the Whole, to the consideration of the bill (H. R. 90) to authorize the President to confer temporary rank and command upon officers of the Provisional Army who may be assigned for special service; and

On motion by Mr. Sparrow.

Ordered, That the further consideration thereof be postponed indefinitely.

The Senate proceeded, as in Committee of the Whole, to the consideration of the bill (S. 1) to provide and organize a general staff for armies in the field; to serve during the war; and the reported amendments having been agreed to, the bill was reported to the Senate and the amendments were concurred in.

Ordered, That the bill be engrossed and read a third time.

The said bill was read the third time.

Resolved, That it pass, and that the title thereof be as aforesaid.

Ordered, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the House of Representatives therein.

A message from the House of Representatives, by Mr. Dalton:

Mr. President: The House of Representatives insist on their disagreement to certain amendments of the Senate to the bill (H. R. 107) to amend the tax laws, and on their amendments to other amendments of the Senate to the said bill; they agree to the conference asked by the Senate on the disagreeing votes of the two Houses, and have appointed Mr. Lyon, Mr. Colyar, Mr. Gholson, Mr. Chambers, and Mr. Hilton managers at the same on their part.

The House of Representatives insist upon their amendments to the amendments of the Senate to the bill (H. R. 138) to increase the compensation of the heads of the

several Executive Departments and the Assistant Secretary of War and the Treasury; ask a conference on the disagreeing votes of the two Houses thereon, and have appointed Mr. Barksdale, Mr. Gaither, and Mr. E. M. Bruce managers at the same on their part.

The Senate proceeded to consider the amendments of the House of Representatives, insisted on by the House, to the amendments of the Senate to the bill (H. R. 138) last mentioned; and

On motion by Mr. Graham,

Resolved, That the Senate insist on their disagreement to the amendments of the House of Representatives to their amendments to the said bill, and agree to the conference asked by the House of Representatives on the disagreeing votes of the two Houses thereon.

On motion by Mr. Graham,

Ordered, That the committee of conference on the part of the Senate be appointed by the President pro tempore; and

Mr. Graham, Mr. Johnson of Georgia, and Mr. Burnett were appointed.

Ordered, That the Secretary inform the House of Representatives thereof.

The Senate proceeded, as in Committee of the Whole, to the consideration of the bill (H. R. 146) to amend an act entitled "An act regulating the granting of furloughs and discharges in hospitals," approved May 1, 1863; and no amendment being proposed, it was reported to the Senate.

On the question,

Shall the bill be read a third time?

It was determined in the negative.

So the bill was rejected.

Ordered, That the Secretary inform the House of Representatives thereof.

The Senate proceeded, as in Committee of the Whole, to the consideration of the bill (S. 56) to authorize the appointment of graduates of military institutions as cadets in the Provisional Army of the Confederate States of America; and no amendment being proposed, it was reported to the Senate.

On the question,

Shall the bill be engrossed and read a third time?

It was determined in the negative.

So the bill was rejected.

The Senate proceeded, as in Committee of the Whole, to the consideration of the bill (S. 54) to organize the light artillery of the Confederate States of America; and no amendment being proposed, it was reported to the Senate.

Ordered, That it be engrossed and read a third time.

The said bill was read the third time.

Resolved, That it pass, and that the title thereof be as aforesaid.

Ordered, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the House of Representatives therein.

The Senate proceeded, as in Committee of the Whole, to the consideration of the joint resolution (H. R. 12) to impose certain additional duties on the Quartermaster-General.

On motion by Mr. Barnwell, that the resolution be transferred to the Secret Legislative Calendar,

It was determined in the negative.

On motion by Mr. Hill,
Ordered, That it lie upon the table.

A message from the House of Representatives, by Mr. Dalton:

Mr. President: The House of Representatives have passed the joint resolution of the Senate (S. 14) for the relief of James Lyons.

A message from the President of the Confederate States, by Mr. B. N. Harrison, his Secretary:

Mr. President: The President of the Confederate States, yesterday, approved and signed the following acts:

S. 43. An act to graduate the pay of general officers; and

S. 76. An act to authorize the appointment of additional officers of artillery for ordnance duties.

Ordered, That the Secretary inform the House of Representatives thereof.

Mr. Orr submitted the following resolution; which was considered and agreed to:

Resolved, That the Sergeant-at-Arms of the Senate be, and he is hereby, authorized to pay, out of the contingent fund of the Senate, such bills as may be presented by various newspapers for publishing the advertisement of the committee of the Senate authorized to make contracts for publishing the debates of the Senate, and ordered to be published by said committee.

The following message was received from the President of the Confederate States, by Mr. B. N. Harrison, his Secretary:

To the Senate of the Confederate States of America:

I return to the Senate, in which it originated, the joint resolution directing "the settlement of the claim of Zedekiah McDaniel and Francis M. Ewing, for destroying the Federal gunboat Cairo by means of a torpedo," with the objections which induce me to withhold my approval.

The character of this claim may be thus briefly stated: Z. McDaniel and F. M. Ewing were appointed acting masters in the Navy in August, 1862. Their letters of appointment stated that they were "appointed for special service on submarine batteries," and ordered them to report to Flag Officer William F. Lynch at Jackson, Miss.

Submarine batteries were at that time the subject of device and experiment for river and harbor defenses, and these gentlemen were recommended as well qualified for such service—McDaniel as having been engaged a short time in preparing torpedoes, and Ewing as being enterprising and bold. In accepting their appointments it appears that they did not allege that they had invented or contrived a torpedo, nor were they appointed to use specially any one of the numerous devices, more or less ingenious, which had been suggested and brought to the notice of the Government.

They reported in obedience to orders and entered upon the duty of placing torpedoes in the Yazoo River under the immediate command of Commander Isaac N. Brown, and the gunboat Cairo was destroyed on the 14th December, 1862, by a torpedo placed by them in company with others.

In March, 1863, McDaniel and Ewing for the first time apprised the Department that they claimed a reward for this service on the ground that the torpedo which exploded under the Cairo was invented by them. The claim was based on the provisions of three acts of Congress: First, an act recognizing the existence of war between the United States and the Confederate States, and concerning letters of marque, prizes and prize goods, No. 106, approved May 6, 1861; second, an act amendatory of the foregoing, No. 170, approved May 21, 1861; third, an act amendatory of this last-mentioned law, approved April 21, 1862.

The second section of the act No. 170, above cited, secures to the inventor of "any new kind of armed vessel or floating battery or defense" certain rewards and privileges upon the condition that "he shall deposit a plan of the same accompanied by suitable explanations or specifications in the Navy Department, together with an affidavit setting forth that he is the inventor thereof." This deposit and affidavit are prerequisite to any exclusive rights in favor of the inventor and a reservation is made specially in favor of the Government of "the right of using such invention in all cases."

The very basis of the claim of these parties was the originality of their invention. The joint resolution under consideration recites that a board of naval officers have reported that the Cairo was destroyed "by means of a torpedo invented and used by

them (McDaniel and Ewing) in the Yazoo River in 1862." This is an error, no board of officers of the Navy having ever investigated or reported on this point. The description given of the torpedo by Commander Brown is on record, and does not justify the claim of original invention made by these parties. It represents the torpedo to have consisted of two demijohns connected together, filled with gunpowder, and exploded by means of the ordinary friction primer. The letter of Commander Brown further declares that other parties rendered "most material aid in the destruction of this vessel and are justly entitled to much of the credit of the success."

Independently of this objection to the claim, the legislation above recited seemed to be conclusive against it. The policy of the law plainly provided that inventors should have the exclusive privilege of their inventions and should be entitled to the rewards promised them only on condition that they should file in the Navy Department such a description of their invention as would enable the Government to render available the right of using the invention which it had reserved for itself. In the present case the Government was deprived of its right to use the alleged invention by the failure of the claimants to give the description or file the proper papers in the Department till May, 1863, or about five months after the destruction of the *Cairo*. The high bounty of fifty per centum, the largest, it is believed, ever allowed for similar service, was granted by Congress according to the act of April 21, 1862, and it may be reasonably assured that such extraordinary bounty was partly in consideration for this right expressly reserved to the country.

Upon these grounds and especially upon the important principle to which reference will be subsequently made, the Secretary of the Navy rejected the claim of McDaniel and Ewing, who appealed to the Executive from his decision. The views of the head of the Navy Department were sustained, and application was then made to Congress which afforded the claimants a fresh tribunal by directing the Secretary of the Treasury to adjust their claim. The joint resolution directing this reference was passed in February last, and the Secretary made a report to Congress at its present session stating the value of the vessel and armament destroyed, but also stating that no investigation had been made of the merits of the claim or the originality of the invention. The naval board called together at the request of the Secretary of the Treasury performed no other duty than estimating the value, but did not (nor could they under the joint resolution) act as a tribunal for the examination of the other questions involved in the claim.

My objections to the present joint resolution are:

First. That there is error of fact in its recital that a board of naval officers had reported that the *Cairo* was destroyed "by means of a torpedo invented and used by the memorialists." Not only is it a mistake that such report was made, but it is believed to be very questionable whether the torpedo was an original invention of the memorialists.

Second. The claimants failed to give the Government the consideration which the law requires as a condition of the right to the reward, namely, such a description of the alleged invention as would enable the Government to enjoy freely its reserved rights of using the invention in its own service.

Third. The most serious objection is this, that the service on which this claim is founded was rendered by officers of the Navy specially appointed and paid for this service. They did not make known to the Department when they were appointed that they proposed to use a special torpedo of their own invention for the use of which they expected reward.

So far as is known to the Government, all the means, the materials, the expenditures of the torpedo service in the Yazoo River, including the pay and allowances of these claimants, were at the charge of the Government, and the service was performed under the control of a Navy officer of superior rank; nor was the sanction of any officer of the Government asked or given that these claimants should conduct torpedo experiments at public expense, without risk of time, labor, or capital of their own, and with the right to large reward in the event of success.

No public officer charged with a special duty for which he is paid, and the means of performing which are also paid for by the Government, can be allowed to claim a reward for the performance of his duty without evils of the greatest character to the public service.

Large numbers of army and navy officers have been employed in torpedo service and submarine defenses. Scarcely one has failed to suggest and essay new devices and combinations, many of which have proved successful. Numerous vessels have been destroyed, but the claim now under consideration is the only one that has been presented to the attention of the Government. None of the other officers seem to have imagined that it was not their duty to devote all their mind, talent, and inventive faculties in performing the service to which they were assigned without any

other pecuniary reward than the pay and allowances accorded by law to other officers of the same grade. If the present joint resolution should give sanction to the opposite view of the duty of an officer, it is easy to perceive how injuriously it will affect the service. It is less easy to estimate the amount of the claims on the Treasury that would thus be sanctioned.

If these claimants are to be rewarded for the destruction of the *Cairo*, why are they to receive the whole sum allowed by the law? There seems no ground for excluding the others who aided in the enterprise and who in the language of Commander Brown "rendered most material aid and are justly entitled to much of the credit of the success."

My examination of the legislation leads me to a view of the policy of Congress quite different from that which would be implied by the passage of this joint resolution. The three acts above recited seem to me clearly to indicate a desire to encourage private enterprise and to stimulate the investment of private means in the effort to destroy the armed ships of the enemy by awarding a reward (originally of twenty per centum, afterwards increased to fifty per centum) to private armed vessels and to private individuals operating at their own expense with torpedoes or other devices for the public defense. They do not seem to me to have contemplated offering the same rewards to the officers and seamen of the Navy, paid and maintained at public expense, for doing their duty in waging war on the vessels of the enemy on the high seas or in rivers and harbors.

I have deemed this full explanation of the facts and law of this case due to Congress as justifying the refusal to sign what is apparently an unimportant bill for the relief of private claimants, but is in reality the sanction of a principle deemed unsound and pernicious, involving in its consequences injury to the public service and heavy demands on the public Treasury.

JEFFERSON DAVIS.

RICHMOND, VA., *June 11, 1864.*

The message was read.

The Senate proceeded to reconsider the joint resolution (S. 8) returned by the President with his objections; which resolution is in the following words:

Joint resolution directing the settlement of the claim of Zedekiah McDaniel and Francis M. Ewing, for destroying the Federal gunboat *Cairo* by means of a torpedo.

Resolved by the Congress of the Confederate States of America, That the Secretary of the Treasury be, and is hereby, authorized and required to issue to Zedekiah McDaniel, of Kentucky, and Francis M. Ewing, of Mississippi, the sum of seventy-six thousand seven hundred and twenty-six dollars and thirty cents, in Confederate States eight per cent bonds; that being one-half of the value of the Federal gunboat *Cairo* destroyed by them by means of a torpedo invented and used by them on the Yazoo River, in the year eighteen hundred and sixty-two, as reported by a board of naval officers appointed to ascertain the value of said boat, together with her armament, etc., etc.

TH. S. BOCOCK,

Speaker of the House of Representatives.

R. M. T. HUNTER,

President pro tempore of the Senate.

I certify that this resolution originated in the Senate.

JAMES H. NASH, *Secretary.*

On motion by Mr. Brown,

Ordered, That the further consideration of the resolution be postponed until Monday next.

On motion by Mr. Walker,

The Senate resolved into executive session.

The doors having been opened,

The hour of half past 3 o'clock having arrived,

The Senate took a recess until 8 o'clock p. m.

8 O'CLOCK P. M.

On motion by Mr. Orr,

The Senate adjourned.

EXECUTIVE SESSION.

The following messages were received from the President of the Confederate States, by Mr. B. N. Harrison, his Secretary:

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT, CONFEDERATE STATES OF AMERICA,
Richmond, June 10, 1864.

To the Senate of the Confederate States:

Agreeably to the recommendation of the Secretary of War, I nominate the officers on the accompanying list to the rank affixed to their names, respectively.

JEFFERSON DAVIS.

No. 33.] WAR DEPARTMENT, CONFEDERATE STATES OF AMERICA,
Richmond, June 3, 1864.

SIR: I have the honor to recommend the following nominations for appointment in the Provisional Army of the Confederate States of America:

ARTILLERY OFFICERS, FOR ORDNANCE DUTY, UNDER ACTS APPROVED APRIL 21 AND SEPTEMBER 16, 1862.

Captains.

Lieut. Geo. Howard King, of Georgia, to be captain, for duty at Confederate States Laboratory at Tyler, Tex., to rank from January 30, 1864.

Charles W. Wailey, of Kentucky, to be captain, for duty at Shreveport Arsenal, to rank from February 3, 1864.

First lieutenants.

N. W. Murphy, of Arkansas, to be first lieutenant, for duty at Shreveport Arsenal, to rank from February 3, 1864.

Thomas A. Woods, of Louisiana, to be first lieutenant, for duty at the Confederate States Ordnance Works, Tyler, Tex., to rank from February 3, 1864.

Morris S. Belknap, of Louisiana, to be first lieutenant, for duty at the Confederate States Arsenal, Marshall, Tex., to rank from February 3, 1864.

Thomas H. Bacon, of Missouri, to be first lieutenant, for duty at the same arsenal, to rank from February 3, 1864.

I am, sir, respectfully, your obedient servant,

JAMES A. SEDDON,
Secretary of War.

To His Excellency JEFFERSON DAVIS,
President, &c.

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT, CONFEDERATE STATES OF AMERICA,
Richmond, June 11, 1864.

To the Senate of the Confederate States:

Agreeably to the recommendation of the Secretary of War, I nominate W. S. Griffin, of Texas, to be commissary, with rank of major in the Provisional Army of the Confederate States of America.

JEFFERSON DAVIS.

WAR DEPARTMENT, CONFEDERATE STATES OF AMERICA,
Richmond, June 3, 1864.

SIR: I have the honor to recommend the nomination of W. S. Griffin, of Texas, to be commissary, with rank of major in the Provisional Army of the Confederate States, for duty with brigade under the command of Brig. Gen. C. J. Polignac, to rank from February 19, 1864.

I am, sir, respectfully, your obedient servant,

JAMES A. SEDDON,
Secretary of War.

To His Excellency JEFFERSON DAVIS,
President, &c.

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT, CONFEDERATE STATES OF AMERICA,
Richmond, June 11, 1864.

To the Senate of the Confederate States:

Agreeably to the recommendation of the Secretary of War, I nominate Thomas C. Dupree, of Arkansas, to be an assistant quartermaster in the Provisional Army of the Confederate States of America, with the rank of captain, for duty with Second Arkansas Regiment Cavalry.

JEFFERSON DAVIS.

WAR DEPARTMENT, CONFEDERATE STATES OF AMERICA,
Richmond, June 8, 1864.

SIR: I have the honor to recommend the nomination of Thomas C. Dupree, of Arkansas, to be an assistant quartermaster, with the rank of captain, in the Provisional Army of the Confederate States of America, for duty with Second Arkansas Cavalry Regiment, to date from November 18, 1862.

I am, sir, respectfully, your obedient servant,

JAMES A. SEDDON,
Secretary of War.

To His Excellency JEFFERSON DAVIS,
President, etc.

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT, CONFEDERATE STATES OF AMERICA,
Richmond, June 11, 1864.

To the Senate of the Confederate States:

Agreeably to the recommendation of the Secretary of War, I nominate John B. Sydnor, of Texas, to be an assistant commissary, with rank of captain in the Provisional Army of the Confederate States, for post duty at Rusk, Cherokee County, Tex.

JEFFERSON DAVIS.

WAR DEPARTMENT, CONFEDERATE STATES OF AMERICA,
Richmond, June 8, 1864.

SIR: I have the honor to recommend the nomination of John B. Sydnor, of Texas, to be an assistant commissary, with the rank of captain in the Provisional Army of the Confederate States of America, for post duty at Rusk, Cherokee County, Tex., to rank from May 2, 1864.

I am, very respectfully, your obedient servant,

JAMES A. SEDDON,
Secretary of War.

To His Excellency JEFFERSON DAVIS,
President, etc.

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT, CONFEDERATE STATES OF AMERICA,
Richmond, June 10, 1864.

To the Senate of the Confederate States:

Agreeably to the recommendation of the Secretary of War, I nominate the officers on the accompanying list to be assistant quartermasters, with rank of captain in the Provisional Army of the Confederate States of America.

JEFFERSON DAVIS.

NO. 34.] WAR DEPARTMENT, CONFEDERATE STATES OF AMERICA,
Richmond, June 4, 1864.

SIR: I have the honor to recommend the following nominations for appointment in the Provisional Army of the Confederate States of America:

Assistant quartermasters—captains.

M. J. Atkins, of Georgia, to take rank from March 22, 1864.

Jacob R. Stevens, of Georgia, to take rank from May 4, 1864.

Daniel McGill, of Georgia, to take rank from May 25, 1864.

I am, sir, respectfully, your obedient servant,

JAMES A. SEDDON,
Secretary of War.

To His Excellency JEFFERSON DAVIS,
President, etc.

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT, CONFEDERATE STATES OF AMERICA,
Richmond, June 11, 1864.

To the Senate of the Confederate States:

Agreeably to the recommendation of the Secretary of War, I nominate Capt. C. I. Walker, of South Carolina, to be lieutenant-colonel of the Tenth South Carolina Regiment in the Provisional Army of the Confederate States of America.

JEFFERSON DAVIS.

WAR DEPARTMENT, CONFEDERATE STATES OF AMERICA,
Richmond, June 11, 1864.

SIR: I have the honor to recommend the nomination of Capt. C. I. Walker, of South Carolina, to be lieutenant-colonel of the Tenth South Carolina Regiment in the

Provisional Army of the Confederate States of America, vice Lieutenant-Colonel Porcher, killed, the officers entitled to promotion waving their claims, to rank from June 11, 1864.

I am, sir, respectfully, your obedient servant,

JAMES A. SEDDON,
Secretary of War.

To His Excellency JEFFERSON DAVIS,
President, &c.

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT, CONFEDERATE STATES OF AMERICA,
Richmond, June 11, 1864.

To the Senate of the Confederate States:

Agreeably to the recommendation of the Secretary of War, I nominate the officers on the accompanying list to the grades affixed to their names, respectively.

JEFFERSON DAVIS.

WAR DEPARTMENT, CONFEDERATE STATES OF AMERICA,
Richmond, June 11, 1864.

SIR: I have the honor to recommend the following nominations for appointment in the Provisional Army of the Confederate States of America:

Major-generals.

Brig. Gen. C. J. Polignac, of France, to take rank from April 8, 1864.

Brig. Gen. J. F. Fagan, of Arkansas, to take rank from April 25, 1864.

I am, sir, respectfully, your obedient servant,

JAMES A. SEDDON,
Secretary of War.

To His Excellency JEFFERSON DAVIS,
President, &c.

The messages were read.

Ordered, That they be referred to the Committee on Military Affairs.

On motion by Mr. Brown,

The Senate resolved into open legislative session.

MONDAY, JUNE 13, 1864.

OPEN SESSION.

The Senate proceeded, as in Committee of the Whole, to the consideration of the bill (S. 71) in relation to the salary of the President; and

On motion by Mr. Walker,

Ordered, That it lie upon the table.

Mr. Walker (by leave) introduced

A joint resolution (S. 15) in relation to the President's salary; which was read the first and second times and considered as in Committee of the Whole; and no amendment being proposed, it was reported to the Senate.

Ordered, That it be engrossed and read a third time.

The said resolution was read the third time.

Resolved, That it pass, and that the title thereof be as aforesaid.

Ordered, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the House of Representatives therein.

Mr. Hill (by leave) introduced

A bill (S. 82) relative to the salary of the judge of the district courts of the Confederate States for the district of Georgia; which was read the first and second times and considered as in Committee of the Whole; and no amendment being made, it was reported to the Senate.

Ordered, That it be engrossed and read a third time.

The said bill was read the third time.

On the question,

Shall the bill now pass?

It was determined in the negative.

So it was

Resolved, That the bill do not pass.

The Senate resumed the reconsideration of the joint resolution (S. 8) directing the settlement of the claim of Zedekiah McDaniel and Francis M. Ewing, for destroying the Federal gunboat Cairo by means of a torpedo, returned by the President of the Confederate States with his objections; and

On the question,

Shall the resolution pass, the objections of the President to the contrary notwithstanding?

It was determined in the negative,	{ Yeas -----	9
	{ Nays -----	7

The vote having been taken by yeas and nays, as required by the Constitution of the Confederate States,

Those who voted in the affirmative are,

Messrs. Baker, Brown, Burnett, Graham, Henry, Johnson of Missouri, Oldham, Simms, and Wigfall.

Those who voted in the negative are,

Messrs. Barnwell, Hill, Hunter, Jemison, Johnson of Georgia, Semmes, and Walker.

So it was

Resolved, That the resolution do not pass, two-thirds of the Senate not agreeing to pass the same.

Ordered, That the Secretary inform the House of Representatives thereof.

A message from the House of Representatives, by Mr. Dalton:

Mr. President: The House of Representatives have passed a bill (H. R. 158) making additional appropriations for the support of the Government; in which they request the concurrence of the Senate.

And they have passed the joint resolution of the Senate (S. 12) for the relief of Wellington Goddin.

The Speaker of the House of Representatives having signed sundry enrolled bills, I am directed to bring them to the Senate for the signature of their President.

The House of Representatives have agreed to the report of the committee of conference on the disagreeing votes of the two Houses on the bill (H. R. 107) to amend the tax laws.

Mr. Barnwell, from the committee of conference on the part of the Senate on the disagreeing votes of the two Houses on the bill (H. R. 107) to amend the tax laws, reported

That they have met the managers on the part of the House of Representatives, and, after full and free conference, have agreed to recommend and do recommend to their respective Houses as follows:

That the House of Representatives do recede from their amendment to the sixth amendment of the Senate; that the Senate recede from their said sixth amendment; and that the bill be amended by striking out the second paragraph of the first section and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

"II. On the value of gold and silver wares and plate, jewels, jewelry and watches, ten per cent.

"III. The value of property taxed under this section shall be assessed on the basis of the market value of the same or similar property in the neighborhood where assessed in the year eighteen hundred and sixty, except in cases where land, slaves, cotton, and tobacco have been purchased since the first day of January, eighteen

Those who voted in the negative are,

Messrs. Baker, Graham, Johnson of Missouri, and Simms.

So it was

Resolved, That the Senate concur in the said report and that the bill be amended accordingly.

Ordered, That the Secretary inform the House of Representatives thereof.

The bill (H. R. 158) making additional appropriations for the support of the Government was read the first and second times and considered as in Committee of the Whole; and no amendment being proposed, it was reported to the Senate.

Ordered, That it pass to a third reading.

The said bill was read the third time.

Resolved, That it pass.

Ordered, That the Secretary inform the House of Representatives thereof.

On motion by Mr. Jemison,

The Senate resolved into executive session.

The doors having been opened,

The Senate proceeded, as in Committee of the Whole, to the consideration of the bill (S. 60) to amend an act entitled "An act to prohibit the importation of luxuries, or of articles not necessities or of common use," approved February 6, 1864; and no amendment being proposed, it was reported to the Senate.

Ordered, That it be engrossed and read a third time.

The said bill was read the third time.

Resolved, That it pass, and that the title thereof be as aforesaid.

Ordered, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the House of Representatives therein.

The Senate proceeded, as in Committee of the Whole, to the consideration of the bill (S. 72) to amend an act entitled "An act to organize military courts to attend the Army of the Confederate States in the field, and to define the powers of said courts," approved October 9, 1862; and no amendment being proposed, it was reported to the Senate.

Ordered, That it be engrossed and read a third time.

The said bill was read the third time.

Resolved, That it pass, and that the title thereof be as aforesaid.

Ordered, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the House of Representatives therein.

A message from the House of Representatives, by Mr. Dalton:

Mr. President: The House of Representatives have passed a bill and joint resolution of the following titles; in which they request the concurrence of the Senate:

H. R. 159. An act further to amend an act to reduce the currency and to authorize a new issue of notes and bonds, approved February 17, 1864; and

H. R. 15. Joint resolution in reference to the exportation of cotton, tobacco, military and naval stores, sugar, molasses, and rice, exported by any of the Confederate States, and to the vessels in which said articles are shipped.

The Senate proceeded, as in Committee of the Whole, to the consideration of the bill (H. R. 152) to amend the first section of an act entitled "An act to organize the clerical force of the Treasury Department," approved February 13, 1862; and no amendment being proposed, it was reported to the Senate.

On the question,

Shall the bill be read a third time?

It was determined in the negative.

So the bill was rejected.

Ordered, That the Secretary inform the House of Representatives thereof.

Mr. Hill (by leave) introduced

A bill (S. 83) relative to the salaries of the judges of the district courts of the Confederate States; which was read the first and second times and considered as in Committee of the Whole; and no amendment being proposed, it was reported to the Senate.

Ordered, That it be engrossed and read a third time.

The said bill was read the third time.

Resolved, That it pass, and that the title thereof be as aforesaid.

Ordered, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the House of Representatives therein.

The joint resolution (H. R. 15) in reference to the exportation of cotton, tobacco, military and naval stores, sugar, molasses, and rice, exported by any of the Confederate States, and to the vessels in which said articles are shipped, was read the first and second times and referred to the Committee on Commerce.

The bill (H. R. 159) further to amend an act to reduce the currency and to authorize a new issue of notes and bonds, approved February 17, 1864, was read the first and second times and referred to the Committee on Finance.

On motion by Mr. Graham,

The Senate took a recess until 8 o'clock p. m.

8 O'CLOCK P. M.

A message from the House of Representatives, by Mr. Dalton:

Mr. President: The House of Representatives have passed bills of the Senate of the following titles:

S. 49. An act to authorize the manufacture of spirituous liquors for the use of the Army and hospitals;

S. 53. An act to amend the several acts in relation to a volunteer navy; and

S. 62. An act to amend an act entitled "An act to create a provisional navy of the Confederate States," approved May 1, 1863.

And they have passed the bill of the Senate (S. 58) to authorize the appointment of quartermasters and assistant quartermasters and commissaries and assistant commissaries in the Provisional Army in certain cases, with amendments; in which they request the concurrence of the Senate.

Mr. Watson, from the committee, reported that they had examined and found truly enrolled bills of the following titles:

H. R. 12. An act to provide for the enrollment and conscription of certain noncommissioned officers and privates in the Trans-Mississippi Department;

S. 20. An act to establish a bureau of foreign supplies; and

S. 77. An act to amend an act entitled "An act to reduce the currency and to authorize a new issue of notes and bonds," approved February 17, 1864.

The President pro tempore having signed the enrolled bills last reported to have been examined, they were delivered to the Secretary of the Senate and by him forthwith presented to the President of the Confederate States for his approval.

Mr. Walker, from the Committee on Commerce, to whom was referred the joint resolution (H. R. 15) in reference to the exportation of cotton, tobacco, military and naval stores, sugar, molasses, and

rice, exported by any of the Confederate States, and to the vessels in which said articles are shipped, reported it without amendment.

The Senate proceeded, as in Committee of the Whole, to the consideration of the said resolution; and no amendment being proposed, it was reported to the Senate.

Ordered, That it pass to a third reading.

The said resolution was read the third time.

Resolved, That it pass.

Ordered, That the Secretary inform the House of Representatives thereof.

Mr. Barnwell, from the Committee on Finance, to whom was referred the bill (H. R. 159) further to amend an act to reduce the currency and to authorize a new issue of notes and bonds, approved February 17, 1864, reported it without amendment.

The Senate proceeded, as in Committee of the Whole, to the consideration of the said bill; and no amendment being proposed, it was reported to the Senate.

Ordered, That it pass to a third reading.

The said bill was read the third time.

Resolved, That it pass.

Ordered, That the Secretary inform the House of Representatives thereof.

A message from the House of Representatives, by Mr. Dalton:

Mr. President: The House of Representatives have passed bills of the following titles; in which they request the concurrence of the Senate:

H. R. 160. An act to amend the laws relating to the commutation value of hospital rations; and

H. R. 161. An act to amend the act entitled "An act to audit the accounts of the respective States against the Confederacy," approved August 3, 1861.

And they have passed the bill of the Senate (S. 52) providing for the establishment and payment of claims for a certain description of property taken or informally impressed for the use of the Army.

The President of the Confederate States has notified the House of Representatives that he has to-day approved and signed an act (H. R. 123) making appropriations for the support of the Government of the Confederate States of America from July 1 to December 31, 1864, and to supply a deficiency.

Mr. Graham, from the committee of conference on the part of the Senate on the disagreeing votes of the two Houses on the bill (H. R. 138) to increase the compensation of the heads of the several Executive Departments and the Assistant Secretary of War and the Treasury, reported

That, having met and considered the several subjects of difference, do agree to recommend for adoption the following, viz:

That all the amendments of the Senate to said bill be concurred in.

That the amendments of the House proposed with their concurrence in the amendment of the Senate be adopted with this amendment, to wit: Strike out all of the said amendment of the House from its commencement to the word "that," in the ninth line; also strike out the word "fifty," in the twelfth line, and insert "thirty-three and one-third," so that said amendment will read as follows, to wit: "That the salaries of all the clerks and employees in the various Departments located in the city of Richmond be increased thirty-three and one-third per cent, and at all other points throughout the Confederate States twenty-five per cent, for one year from and after the passage of this act: *Provided*, That clerks detailed from the Army or Navy shall not be entitled to the benefits of this act."

To amend the title by adding the words "and other officers therein named."

The Senate proceeded to consider the said report; and

On motion by Mr. Graham,

Resolved, That the Senate concur therein.

Ordered, That the Secretary inform the House of Representatives thereof.

The Senate proceeded to consider the amendments of the House of Representatives to the bill (S. 58) to authorize the appointment of quartermasters and assistant quartermasters and commissaries and assistant commissaries in the Provisional Army in certain cases; and

Resolved, That they concur therein.

Ordered, That the Secretary inform the House of Representatives thereof.

The bill (H. R. 160) to amend the laws relating to the commutation value of hospital rations was read the first and second times and referred to the Committee on Military Affairs.

The bill (H. R. 161) to amend the act entitled "An act to audit the accounts of the respective States against the Confederacy," approved August 3, 1861, was read the first and second times and referred to the Committee on Finance.

The Senate proceeded, as in Committee of the Whole, to the consideration of the bill (S. 47) to facilitate the settlement of the claims of deceased soldiers; and

On motion by Mr. Sparrow,

Ordered, That the further consideration thereof be postponed indefinitely.

Mr. Burnett, from the Committee on Military Affairs, to whom was referred the bill (H. R. 160) to amend the laws relating to the commutation value of hospital rations, reported it with an amendment.

The Senate proceeded, as in Committee of the Whole to the consideration of the said bill; and the reported amendment having been agreed to, the bill was reported to the Senate and the amendment was concurred in.

Ordered, That the amendment be engrossed and the bill read a third time.

The said bill as amended was read the third time.

Resolved, That it pass with an amendment.

Ordered, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the House of Representatives in the amendment.

On motion by Mr. Watson,

The Senate resolved into secret legislative session.

The doors having been opened,

The following message was received from the House of Representatives, by Mr. Dalton:

Mr. President: The House of Representatives have passed the bill of the Senate (S. 70) to amend an act entitled "An act to amend an act entitled 'An act to organize military courts to attend the Army of the Confederate States in the field, and to define the powers of said courts,' " approved February 13, 1864.

And they have passed the bill of the Senate (S. 61) to amend an act entitled "An act to organize military courts to attend the Army of the Confederate States in the field, and to define the powers of said courts," with amendments; in which they request the concurrence of the Senate.

The Speaker of the House of Representatives having signed sundry enrolled bills and enrolled joint resolutions, I am directed to bring them to the Senate for the signature of their President.

The Senate proceeded to consider the amendments of the House of Representatives to the bill (S. 61) to amend an act entitled "An act to organize military courts to attend the Army of the Confederate States in the field, and to define the powers of said courts;" and

On motion by Mr. Barnwell,

Ordered, That they be referred to the Committee on Military Affairs.

A message from the President of the Confederate States, by Mr. B. N. Harrison, his Secretary:

Mr. President: The President of the Confederate States has, to-day, approved and signed an act (S. 59) to authorize the owners of the registered eight per cent ten-year convertible bonds issued under the provisions of the act approved May 16, 1861, to exchange the same for coupon bonds.

Ordered, That the Secretary inform the House of Representatives thereof.

On motion by Mr. Graham,

The Senate resolved into executive session.

The doors having been opened,

Mr. Walker, from the committee, reported that they had examined and found truly enrolled bills and joint resolutions of the following titles:

H. R. 107. An act to amend the tax laws;

H. R. 155. An act in relation to the pay of clerks in the office of the depositary;

S. 12. Joint resolution for the relief of Wellington Goddin; and

S. 14. Joint resolution for the relief of James Lyons.

The President pro tempore having signed the enrolled bills and enrolled joint resolutions last reported to have been examined, they were delivered to the Secretary of the Senate and by him forthwith presented to the President of the Confederate States for his approval.

On motion by Mr. Semmes,

Ordered, That when the Senate adjourn it be to 9 o'clock a. m. to-morrow.

On motion by Mr. Walker,

The Senate adjourned.

SECRET SESSION.

A message from the House of Representatives, by Mr. Dalton:

Mr. President: The House of Representatives have passed a joint resolution (H. R. 16) declaring the dispositions, principles, and purposes of the Confederate States in relation to the existing war with the United States; in which they request the concurrence of the Senate.

And they have passed the joint resolution of the Senate (S. 13) declaring the dispositions, principles, and purposes of the Confederate States in relation to the existing war with the United States.

The President of the Confederate States has notified the House of Representatives that he has this day approved and signed an act (H. R. 133) making appropriations for the redemption of the seven per cent foreign loan authorized by act of Congress approved 29th January, 1863.

The Speaker of the House of Representatives having signed an enrolled joint resolution, I am directed to bring it to the Senate for the signature of their President.

Mr. Watson, from the committee, reported that they had examined and found truly enrolled

A joint resolution (S. 13) declaring the dispositions, principles, and purposes of the Confederate States in relation to the existing war with the United States.

The President pro tempore having signed the enrolled joint resolution last reported to have been examined, it was delivered to the Secretary of the Senate and by him forthwith presented to the President of the Confederate States for his approval.

On motion by Mr. Watson,

Ordered, That the injunction of secrecy be removed from the passage of the joint resolution (S. 13) declaring the dispositions, principles, and purposes of the Confederate States in relation to the existing war with the United States.

On motion by Mr. Semmes,

The Senate resolved into open legislative session.

EXECUTIVE SESSION.

The following messages were received from the President of the Confederate States, by Mr. B. N. Harrison, his Secretary:

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT, CONFEDERATE STATES OF AMERICA,
Richmond, June 13, 1864.

To the Senate of the Confederate States:

Agreeably to the recommendation of the Secretary of War, I nominate the officers on the accompanying lists to the rank affixed to their names, respectively.

JEFFERSON DAVIS.

No. 49.] WAR DEPARTMENT, CONFEDERATE STATES OF AMERICA,
Richmond, June 13, 1864.

SIR: I have the honor to recommend the following nominations for appointment in the Provisional Army of the Confederate States of America:

ASSISTANT ADJUTANTS-GENERAL.

Major.

Capt. John S. Hope, of Kentucky, to take rank from confirmation.

Captains.

B. S. Johnson, of Arkansas, to take rank from confirmation.

A. H. Sevier, of Arkansas, to take rank from confirmation.

I am, sir, respectfully, your obedient servant,

JAMES A. SEDDON,
Secretary of War.

To His Excellency JEFFERSON DAVIS,
President, etc.

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT, CONFEDERATE STATES OF AMERICA,
Richmond, June 11, 1864.

To the Senate of the Confederate States:

Agreeably to the recommendation of the Secretary of War, I nominate the officers on the accompanying list to the rank affixed to their names, respectively,

JEFFERSON DAVIS.

WAR DEPARTMENT, CONFEDERATE STATES OF AMERICA,
Richmond, May 24, 1864.

SIR: I have the honor to recommend the following nominations for appointment in the Provisional Army of the Confederate States of America:

Commissaries—majors.

W. B. Street, of Louisiana, to take rank from February 19, 1864.

J. D. Lockhart, of Georgia, to take rank from February 19, 1864.

Charles B. Pearre, of Texas, to take rank from February 19, 1864.

Henry Cranston, of Georgia, to take rank from March 29, 1864.

John G. McGaughy, of Louisiana, to take rank from April 23, 1864.

Assistant commissaries—captains.

Joseph Palmer, of Florida, to take rank from February 19, 1864.

R. W. Adams, of Virginia, to take rank from March 7, 1864.

G. B. Jones, of North Carolina, to take rank from February 19, 1864.

F. J. Winkler, of South Carolina, to take rank from February 19, 1864.
 Charles Chaffe, of Louisiana, to take rank from February 19, 1864.
 J. Chestnutt, of North Carolina, to take rank from February 19, 1864.
 Thomas F. Patton, of Louisiana, to take rank from March 19, 1864.
 Charles H. Elms, of North Carolina, to take rank from March 13, 1864.
 Thomas S. Jeffereys, of South Carolina, to take rank from February 25, 1864.
 Duncan F. Jett, of Tennessee, to take rank from March 10, 1864.
 George Lee, of Tennessee, to take rank from April 7, 1864.
 John L. Holmes, of North Carolina, to take rank from March 29, 1864.
 T. H. Southall, of North Carolina, to take rank from April 25, 1864.

I am, sir, respectfully, your obedient servant,

JAMES A. SEDDON,
Secretary of War.

To His Excellency JEFFERSON DAVIS,
President, etc.

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT, CONFEDERATE STATES OF AMERICA,
 Richmond, June 13, 1864.

To the Senate of the Confederate States:

Agreeably to the recommendation of the Secretary of War, I nominate D. O. Merwin, of Mississippi, to be a major (under act approved October 8, 1862) in the Provisional Army of the Confederate States of America.

JEFFERSON DAVIS.

WAR DEPARTMENT, CONFEDERATE STATES OF AMERICA,
 Richmond, June 13, 1864:

SIR: I have the honor to recommend the nomination of D. O. Merwin, of Mississippi, to be a major (under act approved October 8, 1862) in the Provisional Army of the Confederate States of America, to command a vacant camp of instruction in Mississippi, to rank from February 19, 1864.

I am, sir, respectfully, your obedient servant,

JAMES A. SEDDON,
Secretary of War.

To His Excellency JEFFERSON DAVIS,
President, etc.

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT, CONFEDERATE STATES OF AMERICA,
 Richmond, June 13, 1864.

To the Senate of the Confederate States:

Agreeably to the recommendation of the Secretary of War, I nominate Col. M. W. Gary, of South Carolina, to be a brigadier-general in the Provisional Army of the Confederate States of America.

JEFFERSON DAVIS.

WAR DEPARTMENT, CONFEDERATE STATES OF AMERICA,
 Richmond, June 13, 1864.

SIR: I have the honor to recommend the nomination of Col. M. W. Gary, of South Carolina, to be a brigadier-general in the Provisional Army of the Confederate States of America, to command a new brigade in Department of Richmond, to rank from _____.

I am, sir, very respectfully, your obedient servant,

JAMES A. SEDDON,
Secretary of War.

To His Excellency JEFFERSON DAVIS,
President, etc.

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT, CONFEDERATE STATES OF AMERICA,
 Richmond, June 10, 1864.

To the Senate of the Confederate States:

Agreeably to the recommendation of the Secretary of War, I nominate the officers on the accompanying list, to the rank affixed to their names, respectively.

JEFFERSON DAVIS.

No. 38.] WAR DEPARTMENT, CONFEDERATE STATES OF AMERICA,
 Richmond, June 4, 1864.

SIR: I have the honor to recommend the following nominations for appointment in the Provisional Army of the Confederate States of America, being renominations of those whose cases were postponed at the last session of Congress:

Quartermasters—majors.

M. A. Pringle, of South Carolina, to take rank from November 13, 1862.
 Mason Morfit, of Maryland, to take rank from November 26, 1862.
 L. N. Webb, of Virginia, to take rank from November 17, 1862.
 H. McD. McElrath, of Tennessee, to take rank from October 14, 1862.
 J. Hamilton, of Mississippi, to take rank from June 16, 1863.
 J. R. Arnold, of Texas, to take rank from June 16, 1863.
 William Bacon, of Georgia, to take rank from June 16, 1863.
 J. B. E. Sloan, of South Carolina, to take rank from June 16, 1863.
 R. C. Saunders, of Virginia, to take rank from June 16, 1863.
 E. Bradford, of Virginia, to take rank from June 16, 1863.
 C. C. Yonge, of Florida, to take rank from June 16, 1863.
 J. H. Screven, of South Carolina, to take rank from July 15, 1863.
 J. M. Hottel, of Texas, to take rank from September 18, 1863.
 Kensey Johns, of Texas, to take rank from May 2, 1863.
 A. E. Lassalle, of Louisiana, to take rank from May 28, 1863.
 C. M. Smith, of Virginia, to take rank from July 6, 1863.
 R. P. Archer, of Virginia, to take rank from July 6, 1863.
 H. F. Springer, of Louisiana, to take rank from September 4, 1863.
 E. Powell, of Virginia, to take rank from May 2, 1863.
 A. M. Paxton, of Mississippi, to take rank from October 2, 1863.
 J. W. Young, of Mississippi, to take rank from September 23, 1863.
 C. F. Moore, of Mississippi, to take rank from September 23, 1863.
 J. L. McCluer, of Missouri, to take rank from May 2, 1863.
 W. G. Ferguson, of Virginia, to take rank from October 23, 1863.
 W. G. Bentley, of Virginia, to take rank from October 23, 1863.
 T. C. Fearn, of Mississippi, to take rank from May 2, 1863.
 E. Taylor, of Virginia, to take rank from November 14, 1863.
 J. P. Horback, of Tennessee, to take rank from November 25, 1863.
 E. H. Ewing, of Mississippi, to take rank from December 3, 1863.

Assistant quartermasters—captains.

George C. Orgain, of Virginia, to take rank from October 14, 1862.
 Charles K. Mallory, of Virginia, to take rank from October 14, 1862.
 James F. Cummings, of Tennessee, to take rank from October 14, 1862.
 R. J. Nugent, of Louisiana, to take rank from October 14, 1862.
 George J. Crafts, of South Carolina, to take rank from October 15, 1862.
 John M. Garnett, of Virginia, to take rank from October 14, 1862.
 H. A. Troutman, of Georgia, to take rank from October 20, 1862.
 R. Colston, of Virginia, to take rank from October 14, 1862.
 A. P. Calhoun, of Alabama, to take rank from October 14, 1862.
 R. T. Buckner, of Arkansas, to take rank from October 14, 1862.
 H. D. Cuthran, of Alabama, to take rank from October 23, 1862.
 W. H. Smith, of Virginia, to take rank from October 23, 1862.
 William H. Kirker, of Virginia, to take rank from November 5, 1862.
 J. J. P. Smith, of South Carolina, to take rank from November 3, 1862.
 C. J. Leigh, of Virginia, to take rank from November 4, 1862.
 William S. Kemper, of Virginia, to take rank from November 6, 1862.
 J. B. Hope, of Virginia, to take rank from October 30, 1862.
 John L. Cobb, of Alabama, to take rank from October 30, 1862.
 W. W. Barrett, of Texas, to take rank from October 30, 1862.
 H. W. Pflager, of Mississippi, to take rank from October 14, 1862.
 H. C. Fairfax, of Virginia, to take rank from December 8, 1862.
 T. W. Wood, of Virginia, to take rank from December 17, 1862.
 A. W. Dunn, of Virginia, to take rank from June 3, 1863.
 William Johnston, of Kentucky, to take rank from June 20, 1863.
 S. Putney, of Virginia, to take rank from June 25, 1863.
 W. W. Lester, of Mississippi, to take rank from July 6, 1863.
 J. K. Murphree, of Alabama, to take rank from February 12, 1863.
 John F. Allen, of Virginia, to take rank from October 31, 1863.
 F. M. Johnston, of Georgia, to take rank from September 24, 1863.
 D. L. Hopkins, of Virginia, to take rank from October 2, 1863.
 F. J. Lynch, of Texas, to take rank from May 10, 1863.
 G. D. Spurrier, of Maryland, to take rank from June 24, 1861.
 R. V. Gaines, of Virginia, to take rank from October 1, 1863.
 E. W. Davis, of Georgia, to take rank from October 17, 1863.

George E. Taylor, of Virginia, to take rank from October 19, 1863.
John F. Cage, of Tennessee, to take rank from October 16, 1863.
Joseph L. Thomas, of Missouri, to rank from July 24, 1863.
J. R. Bryan, jr., of Virginia, to take rank from November 14, 1863.
H. F. Cook, of Mississippi, to take rank from November 21, 1863.
S. Fairbanks, of Florida, to take rank from November 21, 1863.
E. G. Williams, of Mississippi, to take rank from November 21, 1863.
R. R. Randolph, of Mississippi, to take rank from November 21, 1863.
George A. Cuyler, of Georgia, to take rank from November 25, 1863.
John Lightfoot, of Virginia, to take rank from November 19, 1863.
L. B. Mitchell, of Mississippi, to take rank from November 25, 1863.
H. C. Thorburn, of Virginia, to take rank from December 2, 1863.
E. M. Bacon, of Texas, to take rank from May 26, 1863.
J. E. Peebles, of Alabama, to take rank from June 16, 1863.
Joseph Farley, of Alabama, to take rank from June 16, 1863.
B. J. Curry, of Alabama, to take rank from June 16, 1863.
John D. Brandon, of Alabama, to take rank from June 16, 1863.
J. L. Cunningham, of Alabama, to take rank from June 16, 1863.
R. Manning, of Alabama, to take rank from June 16, 1863.
T. C. Clark, of Alabama, to take rank from June 16, 1863.
J. F. Craft, of Georgia, to take rank from June 16, 1863.
T. A. Gillham, of Georgia, to take rank from June 16, 1863.
A. B. McEachin, of Georgia, to take rank from June 16, 1863.
A. Dickinson, of Georgia, to take rank from June 16, 1863.
W. T. Holderness, of Georgia, to take rank from June 16, 1863.
R. K. Hines, of Georgia, to take rank from June 16, 1863.
T. L. Macon, of Georgia, to take rank from June 16, 1863.
H. D. Brigham, of Louisiana, to take rank from June 16, 1863.
F. L. Dancy, of Florida, to take rank from June 16, 1863.
W. D. Tapp, of Tennessee, to take rank from June 16, 1863.
G. N. Eakin, of Tennessee, to take rank from June 16, 1863.
W. J. Gordon, of Mississippi, to take rank from June 16, 1863.
W. J. Bryant, of Mississippi, to take rank from June 16, 1863.
F. F. Freeman, of Mississippi, to take rank from June 16, 1863.
J. M. Phipps, of Mississippi, to take rank from June 16, 1863.
B. F. Jones, of Mississippi, to take rank from June 16, 1863.
F. H. Quitman, of Mississippi, to take rank from June 16, 1863.
J. K. P. Pritchard, of Arkansas, to take rank from June 16, 1863.
William Cooke, of Texas, to take rank from June 16, 1863.
J. E. Cooper, of Georgia, to take rank from June 16, 1863.
C. A. Mallory, of South Carolina, to take rank from June 16, 1863.
M. Glover, of South Carolina, to take rank from June 16, 1863.
O. F. Simpson, of South Carolina, to take rank from June 16, 1863.
Julius F. Coit, of South Carolina, to take rank from June 16, 1863.
S. M. Finger, of North Carolina, to take rank from June 16, 1863.
Charles R. King, of North Carolina, to take rank from June 16, 1863.
J. H. Bryan, of North Carolina, to take rank from June 16, 1863.
L. Billiard, of North Carolina, to take rank from June 16, 1863.
J. M. Goyan, of North Carolina, to take rank from June 16, 1863.
L. L. Marks, of Virginia, to take rank from June 16, 1863.
R. C. Saunders, of Virginia, to take rank from June 16, 1863.
John W. Jones, of Virginia, to take rank from June 16, 1863.
W. G. Cazenove, of Virginia, to take rank from June 16, 1863.
Orlando Smith, of Virginia, to take rank from June 16, 1863.
G. H. Fitzwilson, of Virginia, to take rank from June 16, 1863.
L. M. Wilson, of Virginia, to take rank from June 16, 1863.
C. C. Macmurdo, of Virginia, to take rank from May 14, 1863.
W. Van Benthuyzen, of Louisiana, to take rank from June 24, 1863.
D. Pender, of North Carolina, to take rank from July 2, 1863.
John Brannon, of Virginia, to take rank from July 9, 1863.
V. Q. Johnson, of Tennessee, to take rank from July 14, 1863.
J. H. D. Smoot, of Virginia, to take rank from July 20, 1863.
James H. Bull, of Florida, to take rank from July 20, 1863.
A. S. Fletcher, of Alabama, to take rank from September 19, 1863.
A. S. Garnett, of Virginia, to take rank from September 8, 1863.
J. K. Vance, of South Carolina, to take rank from August 20, 1863.
S. S. Kirkland, of North Carolina, to take rank from October 13, 1863.
Henry C. Hart, of Alabama, to take rank from October 27, 1863.

R. Montgomery, of Louisiana, to take rank from November 11, 1863.
 J. P. Smith, of Louisiana, to take rank from November 11, 1863.
 G. J. Sumner, of Virginia, to take rank from November 21, 1863.
 P. P. Barbour, of Virginia, to take rank from August 6, 1863.
 James Sowers, of Virginia, to take rank from August 6, 1863.
 John H. Stout, of Virginia, to take rank from August 6, 1863.
 J. P. Bridger, of North Carolina, to take rank from September 11, 1863.
 R. C. Macmurdo, of Virginia, to take rank from July 1, 1863.
 R. D. Gribble, of Louisiana, to take rank from May 2, 1863.

I am, sir, respectfully, your obedient servant,

JAMES A. SEDDON,
Secretary of War.

To His Excellency JEFFERSON DAVIS,
President, etc.

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT, CONFEDERATE STATES OF AMERICA,
Richmond, June 11, 1864.

To the Senate of the Confederate States:

Agreeably to the recommendation of the Secretary of War, I nominate the officers on the accompanying list to the rank affixed to their names, respectively.

JEFFERSON DAVIS.

No. 49.]

WAR DEPARTMENT, CONFEDERATE STATES OF AMERICA,
Richmond, June 4, 1864.

SIR: I have the honor to recommend the following nominations for appointment in the Provisional Army of the Confederate States of America, being renominations of those whose cases were postponed at the last session of Congress:

Commissaries—majors.

C. A. Lathrop, of Alabama, to take rank from July 20, 1863.
 A. M. Fowlkes, of Alabama, to take rank from August 3, 1863.
 J. Shouk, of Kentucky, to take rank from November 20, 1863.
 C. McClenaghan, of South Carolina, to take rank from July 29, 1863.
 T. B. Trout, of South Carolina, to take rank from July 29, 1863.
 A. M. Allen, of Georgia, to take rank from July 29, 1863.
 M. B. Miller, of Georgia, to take rank from July 29, 1863.
 H. T. Hall, of Tennessee, to take rank from July 29, 1863.
 P. Campbell, of Tennessee, to take rank from July 29, 1863.
 A. B. Noyes, of Florida, to take rank from October 5, 1863.
 J. P. Baldwin, of Florida, to take rank from October 5, 1863.
 A. G. Sumner, of Florida, to take rank from October 5, 1863.
 W. O. Harvie, of Virginia, to take rank from May 22, 1863.
 T. Robinson, of Virginia, to take rank from September 23, 1863.
 W. M. Tate, of Virginia, to take rank from July 1, 1863.
 Joseph Cloyd, of Virginia, to take rank from December 5, 1863.
 James Sloan, of North Carolina, to take rank from June 26, 1863.
 P. W. White, of Florida, to take rank from June 26, 1863.
 John M. Galt, of Virginia, to take rank from August 8, 1863.

Assistant commissaries—captains.

J. H. Franklin, of Virginia, to take rank from May 2, 1863.
 J. M. Johnston, of Tennessee, to take rank from May 13, 1863.
 C. W. Venable, of Virginia, to take rank from June 2, 1863.
 R. G. Lindsay, of North Carolina, to take rank from July 19, 1863.
 A. H. Cline, of Arkansas, to take rank from May 2, 1863.
 J. H. Dowell, of Arkansas, to take rank from May 2, 1863.
 D. F. Brashear, of Texas, to take rank from May 2, 1863.
 T. R. Foster, of Virginia, to take rank from August 25, 1863.
 G. B. Scott, of Virginia, to take rank from August 25, 1863.
 W. O. Rogers, of Louisiana, to take rank from August 25, 1863.
 W. B. Fitzpatrick, of Georgia, to take rank from September 3, 1863.
 W. A. Thompson, of Tennessee, to take rank from August 11, 1863.
 J. J. Whealon, of Alabama, to take rank from July 31, 1863.
 Aug. O. Bacon, of Georgia, to take rank from September 13, 1863.
 J. M. Murkland, of Virginia, to take rank from September 28, 1863.
 W. T. Edwards, of Arkansas, to take rank from September 22, 1863.

W. C. Hillhouse, of South Carolina, to take rank from September 26, 1863.
 T. E. Dudley, of South Carolina, to take rank from October 1, 1863.
 S. L. Butler, of Georgia, to take rank from October 5, 1863.
 D. L. Thomson, of South Carolina, to take rank from October 8, 1863.
 H. W. Commer, of South Carolina, to take rank from November 9, 1863.
 J. P. Mason, of North Carolina, to take rank from August 3, 1863.
 B. R. Mason, of Virginia, to take rank from August 19, 1863.
 T. H. McKoy, of Louisiana, to take rank from August 18, 1863.
 J. A. McRady, of Tennessee, to take rank from July 31, 1863.
 R. M. Doss, of Alabama, to take rank from August 22, 1863.
 T. E. Mitchell, of Alabama, to take rank from August 1, 1863.
 J. R. Hutchinson, of Virginia, to take rank from September 5, 1863.
 W. B. Clarke, of Arkansas, to take rank from September 8, 1863.
 W. H. Wigg, of South Carolina, to take rank from August 1, 1863.
 M. J. M. Mason, of Alabama, to take rank from August 13, 1863.
 T. C. Moore, of Georgia, to take rank from July 31, 1863.
 Richard Irby, of Virginia, to take rank from June 23, 1863.
 K. L. Simons, of South Carolina, to take rank from June 26, 1863.
 John E. Riley, of South Carolina, to take rank from June 26, 1863.
 T. S. Morgan, of Tennessee, to take rank from June 27, 1863.
 F. F. Myer, of Maryland, to take rank from August 15, 1863.
 G. H. Cheever, of Georgia, to take rank from October 13, 1863.
 T. H. Bostick, of Tennessee, to take rank from October 13, 1863.
 J. A. Bowie, of South Carolina, to take rank from July 30, 1863.
 J. W. Chapman, of Alabama, to take rank from August 18, 1863.
 A. J. Hutchins, of Georgia, to take rank from December 3, 1863.
 Z. S. Farland, of Virginia, to take rank from October 11, 1863.
 S. S. Gresham, of Virginia, to take rank from October 11, 1863.
 J. B. Fulton, of Georgia, to take rank from October 9, 1863.
 M. B. Kittrell, of Georgia, to take rank from October 9, 1863.
 H. Wade, of Alabama, to take rank from October 17, 1863.
 J. A. Houser, of Georgia, to take rank from October 23, 1863.
 J. H. Davis, of Georgia, to take rank from October 23, 1863.
 C. F. Stubbs, of Georgia, to take rank from May 2, 1863.
 J. G. Moffett, of Virginia, to take rank from November 1, 1863.
 G. W. Hardie, of Georgia, to take rank from October 28, 1863.
 T. H. Handy, of Maryland, to take rank from November 20, 1863.
 W. B. Williams, of Virginia, to take rank from November 20, 1863.
 D. C. Richardson, of Texas, to take rank from November 27, 1863.
 W. H. Johnson, of Mississippi, to take rank from November 13, 1863.
 J. P. Eggleston, of Mississippi, to take rank from November 28, 1863.
 C. M. Boyce, of Mississippi, to take rank from November 17, 1863.

I am, sir, respectfully, your obedient servant,

JAMES A. SEDDON,
Secretary of War.

To His Excellency JEFFERSON DAVIS,
President, &c.

The messages were read.

Ordered, That they be referred to the Committee on Military Affairs.

Mr. Burnett, from the Committee on Military Affairs, to whom were referred the nominations of C. J. Polignac and J. F. Fagan, to be major-generals; C. I. Walker, to be lieutenant-colonel; George Howard King and Charles W. Wailey, to be captains of ordnance; N. W. Murphy, Thomas A. Woods, Morris S. Belknap, and Thomas H. Bacon, to be first lieutenants of ordnance; M. J. Atkins, Jacob R. Stevens, Daniel McGill, and Thomas C. Dupree, to be assistant quartermasters, with the rank of captains; W. S. Griffin, to be commissary, with the rank of major; and John B. Sydnor, to be assistant commissary, with the rank of captain, reported, with the recommendation that all of said nominations be confirmed.

The Senate proceeded to the consideration of said report; and in concurrence therewith, it was

Resolved, That the Senate advise and consent to their appointment, agreeably to the nomination of the President.

On motion by Mr. Semmes,

The Senate resolved into open legislative session.

The Senate having again resolved into executive session,

The following messages were received from the President of the Confederate States, by Mr. B. N. Harrison, his Secretary:

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT, CONFEDERATE STATES OF AMERICA,
Richmond, May 13, 1864.

To the Senate of the Confederate States:

Agreeably to the recommendation of the Secretary of War, I nominate W. T. Edwards, of Arkansas, to be commissary, with the rank of major in the Provisional Army of the Confederate States of America.

JEFFERSON DAVIS.

WAR DEPARTMENT, CONFEDERATE STATES OF AMERICA,
Richmond, May 26, 1864.

SIR: I have the honor to recommend the nomination of W. T. Edwards, of Arkansas, to be a commissary, with rank of major in the Provisional Army of the Confederate States of America, for duty at Post Demopolis, Ala., to date from May 17, 1864.

I am, sir, respectfully, your obedient servant,

JAMES A. SEDDON,
Secretary of War.

To His Excellency JEFFERSON DAVIS,
President, etc.

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT, CONFEDERATE STATES OF AMERICA,
Richmond, June 13, 1864.

To the Senate of the Confederate States:

Agreeably to the recommendation of the Secretary of War, I nominate Capt. G. M. Jessee, of Kentucky, to be lieutenant-colonel Sixth Confederate Battalion Cavalry in the Provisional Army of the Confederate States of America.

JEFFERSON DAVIS.

WAR DEPARTMENT, CONFEDERATE STATES OF AMERICA,
Richmond, June 13, 1864.

SIR: I have the honor to recommend the nomination of Capt. G. M. Jessee, of Kentucky, to be lieutenant-colonel Sixth Confederate Battalion Cavalry in the Provisional Army of the Confederate States of America (the battalion being increased to over six companies), to rank from May 21, 1864.

I am, sir, respectfully, your obedient servant,

JAMES A. SEDDON,
Secretary of War.

To His Excellency JEFFERSON DAVIS,
President, etc.

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT, CONFEDERATE STATES OF AMERICA,
Richmond, June 13, 1864.

To the Senate of the Confederate States:

Agreeably to the recommendation of the Secretary of War, I nominate Capt. Michael Lynch, of Georgia, to be major of the Twenty-first Georgia Regiment in the Provisional Army of the Confederate States of America.

JEFFERSON DAVIS.

WAR DEPARTMENT, CONFEDERATE STATES OF AMERICA,
Richmond, June 13, 1864.

SIR: I have the honor to recommend the nomination of Capt. Michael Lynch, of Georgia, for promotion, to be major of the Twenty-first Georgia Regiment in the Provisional Army of the Confederate States of America, vice Major Glover, promoted, to rank from April 18, 1864.

I am, sir, respectfully, your obedient servant,

JAMES A. SEDDON,
Secretary of War.

To His Excellency JEFFERSON DAVIS,
President, etc.

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT, CONFEDERATE STATES OF AMERICA,
Richmond, June 13, 1864.

To the Senate of the Confederate States:

Agreeably to the recommendation of the Secretary of War, I nominate the officers on the accompanying list to the rank affixed to their names, respectively.

JEFFERSON DAVIS.

WAR DEPARTMENT, CONFEDERATE STATES OF AMERICA,
Richmond, June 13, 1864.

SIR: I have the honor to recommend the following nominations for appointment in the Provisional Army of the Confederate States of America:

Colonels.

Lieut. Col. C. F. Hopkins, of Florida, to be colonel Tenth Florida Regiment (formed by consolidating four companies with First Florida Battalion), to take rank from June 11, 1864.

Lieut. Col. Theodore W. Brevard, of Florida, to be colonel Eleventh Florida Regiment (formed by consolidating three companies with Fourth Florida Battalion), to take rank from June 11, 1864.

Lieutenant-colonels.

Maj. W. W. Scott, of Florida, to be lieutenant-colonel Tenth Florida Regiment (see explanation under nomination of Col. C. F. Hopkins), to take rank from June 11, 1864.

Maj. J. F. McClellan, of Florida, to be lieutenant-colonel Eleventh Florida Regiment (see explanation under nomination of Colonel Brevard), to take rank from June 11, 1864.

Majors.

Capt. John Westcott, of Florida, to be major Tenth Florida Regiment (see explanation under nomination of Colonel Hopkins), to rank from June 11, 1864.

Capt. John H. Gee, of Florida, to be major Eleventh Florida Regiment (see explanation under nomination of Colonel Brevard), to rank from June 11, 1864.

I am, sir, respectfully, your obedient servant,

JAMES A. SEDDON,
Secretary of War.

To His Excellency JEFFERSON DAVIS,
President, &c.

RICHMOND, VA., June 13, 1864.

To the Senate of the Confederate States:

I hereby nominate Lieut. Col. F. R. Lubbock, of Texas, to be aid-de-camp to the President, with the rank, pay, and allowances of a colonel of cavalry, vice Col. James Chesnut, resigned.

JEFFERSON DAVIS.

CONFEDERATE STATES OF AMERICA, EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT,
Richmond, June 13, 1864.

To the Senate of the Confederate States:

Agreeably to the recommendation of the Secretary of War, I nominate the officers on the accompanying list to the rank affixed to their names, respectively.

JEFFERSON DAVIS.

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CONFEDERATE STATES OF AMERICA, WAR DEPARTMENT,
Richmond, June 13, 1864.

SIR: I have the honor to recommend the following nominations for appointment in the Provisional Army of the Confederate States of America:

Aids-de-camp—first lieutenants.

S. E. Barnwell, of South Carolina, for duty as aid-de-camp to Brigadier-General Elliott (original vacancy), to rank from June 9, 1864.

E. C. Gordon, of Georgia, for duty as aid-de-camp to Brigadier-General Evans (original vacancy), to rank from June 9, 1864.

P. Hamilton, of Mississippi, for duty as aid-de-camp to Brigadier-General Sears (original vacancy), to rank from February 19, 1864.

Thomas Hunter, of Louisiana, for duty as aid-de-camp to Lieut. Gen. R. Taylor vice Lieutenant Bonford, resigned, to rank from March 17, 1864.

I am, sir, respectfully, your obedient servant,

JAMES A. SEDDON,
Secretary of War.

To His Excellency JEFFERSON DAVIS,
President, &c.

The messages were read.

Ordered, That they be referred to the Committee on Military Affairs.

On motion by Mr. Graham,

The Senate resolved into open legislative session.

TUESDAY, JUNE 14, 1864.

OPEN SESSION.

A message from the House of Representatives, by Mr. Dalton:

Mr. President: The House of Representatives have passed a bill (H. R. 162) to amend an act entitled "An act to levy additional taxes for the common defense and support of the Government," approved February 17, 1864; in which they request the concurrence of the Senate.

The House of Representatives have passed the bill of the Senate (S. 55) to authorize the formation of new commands, to be composed of supernumerary officers who may resign to join such commands, and to limit and restrict the appointment of officers in certain cases, with an amendment; in which they request the concurrence of the Senate.

And they have agreed to the report of the committee of conference on the disagreeing votes of the two Houses on the bill (H. R. 138) to increase the compensation of the heads of the several Executive Departments and the Assistant Secretary of War and the Treasury.

The Speaker of the House of Representatives having signed sundry enrolled bills and enrolled joint resolutions, I am directed to bring them to the Senate for the signature of their President.

The bill (H. R. 162) to amend an act entitled "An act to levy additional taxes for the common defense and support of the Government," approved February 17, 1864, was read the first and second times and referred to the Committee on Finance.

The Senate proceeded to consider the amendment of the House of Representatives to the bill (S. 55) to authorize the formation of new commands, to be composed of supernumerary officers who may resign to join such commands, and to limit and restrict the appointment of officers in certain cases; and

Resolved, That they concur therein.

Ordered, That the Secretary inform the House of Representatives thereof.

Mr. Watson, from the committee, reported that they had examined and found truly enrolled bills and a joint resolution of the following titles:

S. 49. An act to authorize the manufacture of spirituous liquors for the use of the Army and hospitals;

S. 52. An act providing for the establishment and payment of claims for a certain description of property taken or informally impressed for the use of the Army;

S. 53. An act to amend the several acts in relation to a volunteer navy;

S. 62. An act to amend an act entitled "An act to create a provisional navy of the Confederate States," approved May 1, 1863;

S. 70. An act to amend an act entitled "An act to amend an act entitled "An act to organize military courts to attend the Army of the Confederate States in the field, and to define the powers of said courts," approved February 13, 1864;

H. R. 138. An act to increase the compensation of the heads of the several Executive Departments and the Assistant Secretary of War and the Treasury and of the Assistant Attorney-General and the Comptroller of the Treasury and other officers therein named;

H. R. 158. An act making additional appropriations for the support of the Government;

H. R. 159. An act further to amend an act to reduce the currency and to authorize a new issue of notes and bonds, approved February 17, 1864; and

H. R. 15. Joint resolution in reference to the exportation of cotton, tobacco, military and naval stores, sugar, molasses, and rice, exported by any of the Confederate States, and to the vessels in which said articles are shipped.

The President pro tempore having signed the enrolled bills and enrolled joint resolution last reported to have been examined, they were delivered to the Secretary of the Senate and by him forthwith presented to the President of the Confederate States for his approval.

A message from the House of Representatives, by Mr. Dalton:

Mr. President: The House of Representatives have passed the bill of the Senate (S. 1) to provide and organize a general staff for armies in the field, to serve during the war.

The Speaker of the House of Representatives having signed an enrolled bill, I am directed to bring it to the Senate for the signature of their President.

Mr. Burnett, from the Committee on Military Affairs, to whom were referred the amendments of the House of Representatives to the bill (S. 61) to amend an act entitled "An act to organize military courts to attend the Army of the Confederate States in the field, and to define the powers of said courts," reported thereon.

The Senate proceeded to consider the amendments of the House of Representatives to the bill (S. 61) last mentioned; and

Resolved, That they concur therein.

Ordered, That the Secretary inform the House of Representatives thereof

On motion by Mr. Burnett,

The Senate resolved into executive session.

The doors having been opened.

Mr. Johnson of Missouri, from the committee, reported that they had examined and found truly enrolled

A bill (H. R. 160) to amend the laws relating to the commutation value of hospital rations.

The President pro tempore having signed the enrolled bill last reported to have been examined, it was delivered to the Secretary of the Senate and by him forthwith presented to the President of the Confederate States for his approval.

A message from the House of Representatives, by Mr. Dalton:

Mr. President: The House of Representatives have passed the bill of the Senate (S. 60) to amend an act entitled "An act to prohibit the importation of luxuries, or of articles not necessities or of common use," approved February 6, 1864.

And they have passed the bill of the Senate (S. 72) to amend an act entitled "An act to organize military courts to attend the Army of the Confederate States in the field, and to define the powers of said courts," approved October 9, 1862, with amendments; in which they request the concurrence of the Senate.

The Senate proceeded to consider the amendments of the House of Representatives to the bill (S. 72) last mentioned; and

Resolved, That they concur therein.

Ordered, That the Secretary inform the House of Representatives thereof.

A message from the House of Representatives, by Mr. Lamar, their Clerk:

Mr. President: The House of Representatives have passed a resolution extending the hour for the adjournment of the two Houses of Congress to half past 2 o'clock p. m. this day; in which they request the concurrence of the Senate.

The Speaker of the House of Representatives having signed two enrolled bills, I am directed to bring them to the Senate for the signature of their President.

The Senate proceeded to consider the resolution of the House of Representatives extending the hour for the adjournment of the two Houses of Congress to half past 2 o'clock p. m. this day; and

Resolved, That they concur therein.

Ordered, That the Secretary inform the House of Representatives thereof.

Mr. Walker, from the committee, reported that they had examined and found truly enrolled bills of the following titles:

S. 55. An act to authorize the formation of new commands, to be composed of supernumerary officers who may resign to join such commands, and to limit and restrict the appointment of officers in certain cases; and

S. 61. An act to amend an act entitled "An act to organize military courts to attend the Army of the Confederate States in the field, and to define the powers of said courts."

The President pro tempore having signed the enrolled bills last reported to have been examined, they were delivered to the Secretary of the Senate and by him forthwith presented to the President of the Confederate States for his approval.

Mr. Henry submitted the following resolution; which was considered and agreed to:

Resolved, That a committee be appointed, on the part of the Senate, to join such committee as may be appointed by the House of Representatives to wait upon the President of the Confederate States and inform him that, unless he may have some further communication to make, the two Houses are now ready to adjourn.

On motion by Mr. Henry,

Ordered, That the committee on the part of the Senate be appointed by the President pro tempore; and

Mr. Henry, Mr. Barnwell, and Mr. Graham were appointed.

Ordered, That the Secretary inform the House of Representatives thereof.

A message from the House of Representatives, by Mr. Dalton:

Mr. President: The Speaker of the House of Representatives having signed sundry enrolled bills, I am directed to bring them to the Senate for the signature of their President.

Mr. Walker, from the committee, reported that they had examined and found truly enrolled bills of the following titles:

S. 1. An act to provide and organize a general staff for armies in the field, to serve during the war;

S. 58. An act to authorize the appointment of quartermasters and assistant quartermasters and commissaries and assistant commissaries in the Provisional Army in certain cases;

S. 60. An act to amend an act entitled "An act to prohibit the

importation of luxuries, or of articles not necessities or of common use," approved February 6, 1864; and

S. 72. An act to amend an act entitled "An act to organize military courts to attend the Army of the Confederate States in the field, and to define the powers of said courts," approved October 9, 1862.

The President pro tempore having signed the enrolled bills last reported to have been examined, they were delivered to the Secretary of the Senate and by him forthwith presented to the President of the Confederate States for his approval.

A message from the President of the Confederate States, by Mr. B. N. Harrison, his Secretary:

Mr. President: The President of the Confederate States has, to-day, approved and signed the following acts and joint resolutions:

S. 49. An act to authorize the manufacture of spirituous liquors for the use of the Army and hospitals;

S. 52. An act providing for the establishment and payment of claims for a certain description of property taken or informally impressed for the use of the Army;

S. 53. An act to amend the several acts in relation to a volunteer navy;

S. 62. An act to amend an act entitled "An act to create a provisional navy of the Confederate States," approved May 1, 1863;

S. 77. An act to amend an act entitled "An act to reduce the currency and to authorize the new issue of notes and bonds," approved February 17, 1864;

S. 12. Joint resolution for the relief of Wellington Goddin;

S. 13. Joint resolution declaring the dispositions, principles, and purposes of the Confederate States in relation to the existing war with the United States; and

S. 14. Joint resolution for the relief of James Lyons.

Ordered, That the Secretary inform the House of Representatives thereof.

A message from the House of Representatives, by Mr. Dalton:

Mr. President: The House of Representatives have appointed a committee to join the committee appointed by the Senate, to wait upon the President of the Confederate States and inform him that, unless he may have some further communication to make, the two Houses are now ready to adjourn; and they have appointed Mr. Russell of Virginia, Mr. Barksdale of Mississippi, and Mr. Foster of Alabama the committee on their part.

The House of Representatives have passed a joint resolution (H. R. 17) of thanks to Major-General Forrest and the officers and men of his command; in which they request the concurrence of the Senate.

The President of the Confederate States has notified the House of Representatives that he has, to-day, approved and signed the following acts:

H. R. 107. An act to amend the tax laws;

H. R. 138. An act to increase the compensation of the heads of the several Executive Departments and the Assistant Secretary of War and the Treasury and of the Assistant Attorney-General and the Comptroller of the Treasury and other officers therein named;

H. R. 155. An act in relation to the pay of clerks in the office of the depository;

H. R. 158. An act making additional appropriations for the support of the Government;

H. R. 159. An act further to amend an act to reduce the currency and to authorize a new issue of notes and bonds, approved February 17, 1864; and

H. R. 160. An act to amend the laws relating to the commutation value of hospital rations.

The joint resolution (H. R. 17) of thanks to Major-General Forrest and the officers and men of his command was read the first and second times and referred to the Committee on Military Affairs.

A message from the President of the Confederate States, by Mr. B. N. Harrison, his Secretary:

Mr. President: The President of the Confederate States has, to-day, approved and signed the following acts:

S. 1. An act to provide and organize a general staff for armies in the field, to serve during the war;

S. 55. An act to authorize the formation of new commands, to be composed of supernumerary officers who may resign to join such commands, and to limit and restrict the appointment of officers in certain cases;

S. 58. An act to authorize the appointment of quartermasters and assistant quartermasters and commissaries and assistant commissaries in the Provisional Army in certain cases;

S. 60. An act to amend an act entitled "An act to prohibit the importation of luxuries, or of articles not necessities or of common use," approved February 6, 1864;

S. 61. An act to amend an act entitled "An act to organize military courts to attend the Army of the Confederate States in the field, and to define the powers of said courts;

S. 70. An act to amend an act entitled "An act to amend an act entitled 'An act to organize military courts to attend the Army of the Confederate States in the field, and to define the powers of said courts,'" approved February 13, 1864; and

S. 72. An act to amend an act entitled "An act to organize military courts to attend the Army of the Confederate States in the field, and to define the powers of said courts," approved October 9, 1862.

Ordered, That the Secretary inform the House of Representatives thereof.

Mr. Henry, from the committee appointed on the part of the Senate to join the committee appointed on the part of the House of Representatives, to wait upon the President of the Confederate States and inform him that, unless he may have some further communication to make, the two Houses are now ready to adjourn, reported

That they had discharged the duties assigned them; and that the President replied, "that he had no further communication to make."

The President pro tempore having announced that the hour fixed for the adjournment of the two Houses of Congress by their resolution of this day had arrived, declared the Senate to be adjourned sine die.

EXECUTIVE SESSION.

Mr. Henry, from the Committee on Military Affairs, to whom were referred the nominations of F. R. Lubbock, to be aid-de-camp to the President, with the rank, pay, and allowances of a colonel of cavalry; G. M. Jessee, to be lieutenant-colonel; W. T. Edwards, to be commissary, with the rank of major; Michael Lynch, to be major; C. F. Hopkins, to be colonel; Theodore W. Brevard, to be colonel; W. W. Scott and J. F. McClellan, to be lieutenant-colonels; and John Westcott and John H. Gee, to be majors, reported, with the recommendation that all of said nominations be confirmed.

The Senate proceeded to the consideration of said report; and in concurrence therewith, it was

Resolved, That the Senate advise and consent to their appointment, agreeably to the nominations of the President.

Mr. Burnett, from the Committee on Military Affairs, to whom were referred the nominations of M. A. Pringle, Mason Morfit, L. N. Webb, H. McD. McElrath, J. Hamilton, J. R. Arnold, William Bacon, J. B. E. Sloan, R. C. Saunders, E. Bradford, C. C. Yonge, J. H. Screven, J. M. Hottel, Kensey Johns, A. E. Lassalle, C. M. Smith, R. P. Archer, H. F. Springer, E. Powell, A. M. Paxton, J. W. Young, C. F. Moore, J. L. McCluer, W. G. Ferguson, W. G. Bentley, T. C. Fearn, E. Taylor, J. P. Horback, E. H. Ewing, to be quartermasters, with the rank of major; George C. Orgain, Charles K. Mallory, James F. Cummings, R. J. Nugent, George J. Crafts, John M. Garnett, H. A. Troutman, R. Colston, A. P. Calhoun, R. T. Buckner, H. D. Cothran, W. H. Smith, W. H. Kirker, J. J. P. Smith,

C. J. Leigh, William S. Kemper, J. B. Hope, John L. Cobb, W. W. Barrett, H. W. Pflager, H. C. Fairfax, T. W. Wood, A. W. Dunn, William Johnston, S. Putney, W. W. Lester, J. K. Murphree, John F. Allen, F. M. Johnston, D. L. Hopkins, F. J. Lynch, G. D. Spurrer, R. V. Gaines, E. W. Davis, George E. Taylor, John F. Cage, Jos. L. Thomas, J. R. Bryan, jr., H. F. Cook, S. Fairbanks, E. G. Williams, R. R. Randolph, George A. Cuyler, John Lightfoot, L. B. Mitchell, H. C. Thorburn, E. M. Bacon, J. E. Peebles, Joseph Farley, B. J. Curry, Jno. D. Brandon, J. L. Cunningham, R. Manning, T. C. Clark, J. F. Craft, T. A. Gilham, A. B. McEachin, A. Dickinson, W. T. Holderness, R. K. Hines, T. L. Macon, F. L. Dancy, H. D. Brigham, W. D. Tapp, G. N. Eakin, W. J. Gordon, W. J. Bryant, F. F. Freeman, J. M. Phipps, B. F. Jones, F. H. Quitman, J. K. P. Pritchard, William Cooke, J. F. Cooper, C. A. Mallory, M. Glover, O. F. Simpson, Julius F. Coit, S. M. Finger, Charles R. King, J. H. Bryan, L. Hilliard, J. M. Govan, L. L. Marks, R. C. Saunders, John W. Jones, W. G. Cazenove, Orlando Smith, G. H. Fitzwilson, L. M. Wilson, C. C. Macmurdo, W. Van Benthuyzen, D. Pender, John Brannon, V. Q. Johnson, J. H. D. Smoot, James H. Bull, A. S. Fletcher, A. S. Garnett, J. K. Vance, S. S. Kirkland, Henry C. Hart, R. Montgomery, J. P. Smith, G. J. Sumner, P. P. Barbour, James Sowers, John H. Stout, J. P. Bridger, R. C. Macmurdo, R. D. Gribble, to be assistant quartermasters, with the rank of captain; C. A. Lathrop, A. M. Fowlkes, J. Shouk, C. McClenaghan, T. B. Trout, A. M. Allen, M. B. Miller, H. T. Hall, P. Campbell, A. B. Noyes, J. P. Baldwin, A. G. Sumner, W. O. Harvie, T. Robinson, W. M. Tate, Joseph Cloyd, James Sloan, P. W. White, John M. Galt, W. B. Street, J. D. Lockhart, Charles B. Pearre, Henry Cranston, John G. McGaughy, to be commissaries, with the rank of major; J. H. Franklin, J. M. Johnston, C. W. Venable, R. G. Lindsay, A. H. Cline, J. H. Dowell, D. F. Brashear, T. R. Foster, G. B. Scott, W. O. Rogers, W. B. Fitzpatrick, W. A. Thompson, J. J. Wheadon, Aug. O. Bacon, J. M. Murkland, W. T. Edwards, W. C. Hillhouse, T. E. Dudley, S. L. Butler, D. L. Thomson, H. W. Conner, J. P. Mason, B. R. Mason, T. H. McKoy, J. A. McRady, R. M. Doss, T. E. Mitchell, J. R. Hutchinson, W. B. Clarke, W. H. Wigg, M. J. M. Mason, T. C. Moore, Richard Irby, K. L. Simons, John F. Riley, T. S. Morgan, F. F. Myer, G. H. Cheever, T. H. Bostick, J. A. Bowie, J. W. Chapman, A. J. Hutchins, Z. S. Farland, S. S. Gresham, J. B. Fulton, M. B. Kittrell, H. Wade, J. A. Houser, J. H. Davis, C. F. Stubbs, J. G. Moffett, G. W. Hardie, T. H. Handy, W. B. Williams, D. C. Richardson, W. H. Johnson, J. P. Eggleston, C. M. Boyce, Joseph Palmer, R. W. Adams, G. B. Jones, F. J. Winkler, Charles Chaffe, J. Chestnut, Thomas F. Patton, Charles H. Elms, Thomas S. Jeffereys, Duncan F. Jett, George Lee, John L. Holmes, T. H. Southall, to be assistant commissaries, with the rank of captain; D. O. Merwin, to be major; M. W. Gary, to be brigadier-general, John S. Hope, to be assistant adjutant-general, with the rank of major; B. S. Johnson and A. H. Sevier, to be assistant adjutant-generals, with the rank of captain; and S. E. Barnwell, E. C. Gordon, P. Hamilton, Thomas Hunter, to be aids-de-camp, with the rank of first lieutenants, reported, with the recommendation that all of said nominations be confirmed.

The Senate proceeded to the consideration of said report; and in concurrence therewith, it was

Resolved, That the Senate advise and consent to their appointment, agreeably to the nominations of the President.

The following message was received from the President of the Confederate States, by Mr. B. N. Harrison, his Secretary:

CONFEDERATE STATES OF AMERICA, EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT,

Richmond, June 14, 1864.

To the Senate of the Confederate States:

Agreeably to the recommendation of the Secretary of War, I nominate Col. H. B. Lyon, of Kentucky, to be a brigadier-general in the Provisional Army of the Confederate States of America.

JEFFERSON DAVIS.

CONFEDERATE STATES OF AMERICA, WAR DEPARTMENT,

Richmond, June 14, 1864.

SIR: I have the honor to recommend the nomination of Col. H. B. Lyon, of Kentucky, to be a brigadier-general in the Provisional Army of the Confederate States of America, to command Hodge's late brigade, vice the nomination of G. B. Hodge rejected by the Senate, to rank from confirmation.

I am, sir, respectfully, your obedient servant,

JAMES A. SEDDON,

Secretary of War.

To His Excellency JEFFERSON DAVIS,

President, etc.

The message was read.

The Senate proceeded to the consideration of the nomination of H. B. Lyon, to be a brigadier-general in the Provisional Army of the Confederate States; and it was

Resolved, That they advise and consent to the appointment, agreeably to the nomination of the President.

On motion by Mr. Burnett,

The Senate resolved into open legislative session.

SENATE
OF
THE CONFEDERATE STATES.

SECOND CONGRESS, SECOND SESSION, NOVEMBER 7, 1864, TO MARCH
18, 1865.

The second session of the Second Congress commenced this day,
conformably to the Constitution and laws of the Confederate States,
and the Senate assembled at the city of Richmond.

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 7, 1864.

OPEN SESSION.

PRESENT.

From the State of—

FLORIDA	Augustus E. Maxwell.
GEORGIA	Benjamin H. Hill.
KENTUCKY	Henry C. Burnett. William E. Simms.
LOUISIANA	Edward Sparrow.
MISSOURI	Waldo P. Johnson.
NORTH CAROLINA ...	William T. Dortch. William A. Graham.
SOUTH CAROLINA	Robert W. Barnwell. James L. Orr.
TENNESSEE	Gustavus A. Henry.
VIRGINIA	Allen T. Caperton. Robert M. T. Hunter.

The Hon. Robert M. T. Hunter, President of the Senate pro tem-
pore, resumed the chair.

On motion by Mr. Orr,

Ordered, That the Secretary inform the House of Representatives that a quorum of the Senate has assembled, and that the Senate is ready to proceed to business.

On motion by Mr. Orr,

Ordered, That the daily hour of meeting of the Senate be 12 o'clock until otherwise ordered.

A message from the House of Representatives, by Mr. Lamar, their Clerk:

Mr. President: I am directed to inform the Senate that a quorum of the House of Representatives has assembled, and that the House is ready to proceed to business.

The House of Representatives have passed a resolution for the appointment of a committee, jointly with such committee as may be appointed on the part of the Senate, to wait on the President of the Confederate States and inform him that a quorum of each House has assembled, and that Congress is ready to receive any communication he may be pleased to make; and have appointed Mr. Chilton of Alabama, Mr. Clark of Missouri, and Mr. De Jarnette of Virginia the committee on their part.

Mr. Hill submitted the following resolution; which was considered and agreed to:

Resolved, That a committee be appointed, jointly with the committee appointed on the part of the House of Representatives, to wait on the President of the Confederate States and inform him that a quorum of each House has assembled, and that Congress is ready to receive any communication he may be pleased to make.

On motion by Mr. Hill,

Ordered, That the committee be appointed by the President pro tempore; and

Mr. Hill, Mr. Barnwell, and Mr. Graham were appointed.

Ordered, That the Secretary inform the House of Representatives thereof.

Mr. Hill, from the committee appointed, jointly with the committee appointed on the part of the House of Representatives, to wait on the President of the Confederate States and inform him that a quorum of each House has assembled, and that Congress is ready to receive any communication he may be pleased to make, reported that the committee had performed the duty assigned them, and that the President replied that he would immediately make a communication to the two Houses of Congress.

The following message was received from the President of the Confederate States, by Mr. B. N. Harrison, his Secretary:

To the Senate and House of Representatives of the Confederate States of America:

It is with satisfaction that I welcome your presence at an earlier day than that usual for your session, and with confidence that I invoke the aid of your counsels at a time of such public exigency. The campaign which was commenced almost simultaneously with your session early in May last, and which was still in progress at your adjournment in the middle of June, has not yet reached its close. It has been prosecuted on a scale and with an energy heretofore unequalled. When we revert to the condition of our country at the inception of the operations of the present year, to the magnitude of the preparations made by the enemy, the number of his forces, the accumulation of his warlike supplies, and the prodigality with which his vast resources have been lavished in the attempt to render success assured; when we contrast the numbers and means at our disposal for resistance; and when we contemplate the results of a struggle apparently so unequal, we can not fail, while rendering the full meed of deserved praise to our generals and soldiers, to perceive that a power higher than man has willed our deliverance, and gratefully to recognize the protection of a kind Providence in enabling us successfully to withstand the utmost efforts of the enemy for our subjugation.

At the beginning of the year the State of Texas was partially in possession of the enemy, and large portions of Louisiana and Arkansas lay apparently defenseless.

Of the Federal soldiers who invaded Texas, none are known to remain, except as prisoners of war. In northwestern Louisiana a large and well appointed army, aided by a powerful fleet, was repeatedly defeated, and deemed itself fortunate in finally escaping with a loss of one-third of its numbers, a large part of its military train, and many transports and gunboats. The enemy's occupation of that State is reduced to the narrow district commanded by the guns of his fleet. Arkansas has been recovered with the exception of a few fortified posts, while our forces have penetrated into central Missouri, affording to our oppressed brethren in that State an opportunity, of which many have availed themselves, of striking for liberation from the tyranny to which they have been subjected.

On the east of the Mississippi, in spite of some reverses, we have much cause for gratulation. The enemy hoped to effect, during the present year, by concentration of forces, the conquest which he had previously failed to accomplish by more extended operations. Compelled, therefore, to withdraw or seriously to weaken the strength of the armies of occupation at different points, he has afforded us the opportunity of recovering possession of extensive districts of our territory. Nearly the whole of northern and western Mississippi, of northern Alabama, and of western Tennessee are again in our possession; and all attempts to penetrate from the coast line into the interior of the Atlantic and Gulf States have been baffled. On the entire ocean and gulf coast of the Confederacy, the whole success of the enemy, with the enormous naval resources at his command, has been limited to the capture of the outer defenses of Mobile Bay.

If we now turn to the results accomplished by the two great armies so confidently relied on by the invaders as sufficient to secure the subversion of our Government, and the subjection of our people to foreign domination, we have still greater cause for devout gratitude to Divine Power. In southwestern Virginia, successive armies which threatened the capture of Lynchburg and Saltville have been routed and driven out of the country, and a portion of eastern Tennessee reconquered by our troops. In northern Virginia extensive districts formerly occupied by the enemy are now free from their presence. In the lower valley their general, rendered desperate by his inability to maintain a hostile occupation, has resorted to the infamous expedient of converting a fruitful land into a desert by burning its mills, granaries, and homesteads, and destroying the food, standing crops, live stock, and agricultural implements of peaceful noncombatants. The main army, after a series of defeats, in which its losses have been enormous; after attempts by raiding parties to break up our railroad communications, which have resulted in the destruction of a large part of the cavalry engaged in the work; after constant repulse of oft-repeated assaults on our defensive lines, is, with the aid of heavy reinforcements, but with, it is hoped, waning prospect of further progress in the design, still engaged in an effort, commenced more than four months ago, to capture the town of Petersburg.

The army of General Sherman, although succeeding, at the end of the summer, in obtaining possession of Atlanta, has been unable to secure any ultimate advantage from this success. The same general who in February last marched a large army from Vicksburg to Meridian with no other result than being forced to march back again, was able, by the aid of greatly increased numbers, and after much delay, to force a passage from Chattanooga to Atlanta, only to be for the second time compelled to withdraw on the line of his advance, without obtaining control of a single mile of territory beyond the narrow track of his march, and without gaining aught beyond the precarious possession of a few fortified points in which he is compelled to maintain heavy garrisons, and which are menaced with recapture.

The lessons afforded by the history of this war are fraught with instruction and encouragement. Repeatedly during the war have formidable expeditions been directed by the enemy against points ignorantly supposed to be of vital importance to the Confederacy. Some of these expeditions have at immense cost been successful, but in no instance have the promised fruits been reached. Again, in the present campaign, was the delusion fondly cherished that the capture of Atlanta and Richmond would, if effected, end the war by the overthrow of our Government and the submission of our people. We can now judge by experience how unimportant is the influence of the former event upon our capacity for defense, upon the courage and spirit of the people, and the stability of the Government. We may in like manner judge that if the campaign against Richmond had resulted in success instead of failure; if the valor of the army, under the leadership of its accomplished commander, had resisted in vain the overwhelming masses which were, on the contrary, decisively repulsed; if we had been compelled to evacuate Richmond as well as Atlanta, the Confederacy would have remained as erect and defiant as ever. Nothing could have been changed in the purpose of its Government, in the indomitable valor of its troops, or in the unquenchable spirit of its people. The baffled and disappointed foe would in vain have scanned the reports of your proceedings, at some new

legislative seat, for any indication that progress had been made in his gigantic task of conquering a free people. The truth, so patent to us, must ere long be forced upon the reluctant Northern mind. There are no vital points on the preservation of which the continued existence of the Confederacy depends. There is no military success of the enemy which can accomplish its destruction. Not the fall of Richmond, nor Wilmington, nor Charleston, nor Savannah, nor Mobile, nor of all combined, can save the enemy from the constant and exhaustive drain of blood and treasure which must continue until he shall discover that no peace is attainable unless based on the recognition of our indefeasible rights.

Before leaving this subject, it is gratifying to assure you that the military supplies essentially requisite for public defense will be found, as heretofore, adequate to our needs; and that abundant crops have rewarded the labor of the farmer, and rendered abortive the inhuman attempt of the enemy to produce, by devastation, famine among the people.

It is not in my power to announce any change in the conduct of foreign powers. No such action has been taken by the Christian nations of Europe as might justly have been expected from their history, from the duties imposed by international law, and from the claims of humanity. It is charitable to attribute their conduct to no worse motive than indifference to the consequences of a struggle which shakes only the Republican portion of the American continent; and not to ascribe to design a course calculated to insure the prolongation of hostilities.

No instance in history is remembered by me in which a nation pretending to exercise dominion over another asserting its independence, has been the first to concede the existence of such independence. No case can be recalled to my mind in which neutral powers have failed to set the example of recognizing the independence of a nation when satisfied of the inability of its enemy to subvert its government; and this, too, in cases where the previous relation between the contending parties had been confessedly that of mother country and dependent colony; not, as in our case, that of coequal States united by federal compact. It has ever been considered the proper function and duty of neutral powers to perform the office of judging whether, in point of fact, the nation asserting dominion is able to make good its pretensions by force of arms, and if not, by recognition of the resisting party, to discountenance the further continuance of the contest. And the reason why this duty is incumbent on neutral powers is plainly apparent, when we reflect that the pride and passion which blind the judgment of the parties to the conflict cause the continuance of active warfare, and consequent useless slaughter, long after the inevitable result has become apparent to all not engaged in the struggle. So long, therefore, as neutral nations fail, by recognition of our independence, to announce that in their judgment the United States are unable to reduce the Confederacy to submission, their conduct will be accepted by our enemies as a tacit encouragement to continue their efforts, and as an implied assurance that belief is entertained by neutral nations in the success of their designs. A direct stimulus, whether intentional or not, is thus applied to securing a continuance of the carnage and devastation which desolate this continent and which they profess deeply to deplore.

The disregard of this just, humane, and Christian public duty by the nations of Europe is the more remarkable from the fact that authentic expression has long since been given by the Governments of both France and England to the conviction that the United States are unable to conquer the Confederacy. It is now more than two years since the Government of France announced officially to the Cabinets of London and St. Petersburg its own conclusion that the United States were unable to achieve any decisive military success. In the answers sent by those powers no intimation of a contrary opinion was conveyed; and it is notorious that in speeches, both in and out of Parliament, the members of Her Britannic Majesty's Government have not hesitated to express this conviction in unqualified terms. The denial of our right, under these circumstances, is so obviously unjust, and discriminates so unfairly in favor of the United States, that neutrals have sought to palliate the wrong, of which they are conscious, by professing to consider, in opposition to notorious truth and to the known belief of both belligerents, that the recognition of our independence would be valueless without their further intervention in the struggle, an intervention of which we disclaim the desire and mistrust the advantage. We seek no favor; we wish no intervention; we know ourselves fully competent to maintain our own rights and independence against the invaders of our country; and we feel justified in asserting that without the aid derived from recruiting their armies from foreign countries the invaders would ere this have been driven from our soil. When the recognition of the Confederacy was refused by Great Britain in the fall of 1862, the refusal was excused on the ground that any action by Her Majesty's Government would have the effect of inflaming the passions of the belligerents and of preventing the return

of peace. It is assumed that this opinion was sincerely entertained, but the experience of two years of unequaled carnage shows that it was erroneous, and that the result was the reverse of what the British ministry humanely desired. A contrary policy, a policy just to us, a policy diverging from an unvarying course of concession to all the demands of our enemies, is still within the power of Her Majesty's Government, and would, it is fair to presume, be productive of consequences the opposite of those which have unfortunately followed its whole course of conduct from the commencement of the war to the present time. In a word, peace is impossible without independence, and it is not to be expected that the enemy will anticipate neutrals in the recognition of that independence. When the history of this war shall be fully disclosed, the calm judgment of the impartial publicist will, for these reasons, be unable to absolve the neutral nations of Europe from a share in the moral responsibility for the myriads of human lives that have been unnecessarily sacrificed during its progress.

The renewed instances in which foreign powers have given us just cause of complaint need not here be detailed. The extracts from the correspondence of the State Department which accompany this message will afford such further information as can be given without detriment to the public interest; and we must reserve for the future such action as may then be deemed advisable to secure redress.

Your special attention is earnestly invited to the report of the Secretary of the Treasury submitted in conformity with law. The facts therein disclosed are far from discouraging, and demonstrate that, with judicious legislation, we shall be enabled to meet all the exigencies of the war from our abundant resources, and avoid, at the same time, such an accumulation of debt as would render at all doubtful our capacity to redeem it.

The total receipts into the Treasury for the two quarters ending on the 30th September, 1864, were \$415,191,550, which sum added to the balance of \$308,282,722, that remained in the Treasury on the 1st of April, last, forms a total of \$723,474,272. Of this total not far from half, that is to say \$342,560,327, have been applied to the extinction of the public debt, while the total expenditures have been \$272,378,505, leaving a balance in the Treasury on the 1st of October, 1864, of \$108,435,440.

The total amount of the public debt as exhibited on the books of the Register of the Treasury on the 1st of October, 1864, was \$1,147,970,208, of which \$539,340,090 were funded debt bearing interest, \$283,880,150 were Treasury notes of the new issue, and the remainder consisted of the former issue of Treasury notes which will be converted into other forms of debt and will cease to exist as currency on the 31st of next month.

The report, however, explains that in consequence of the absence of certain returns from distant officers the true amount of the debt is less by about twenty-one and a half millions of dollars than appears on the books of the Register, and that the total public debt on the first of last month may be fairly considered to have been \$1,126,381,095.

The increase of the public debt during the six months from the 1st of April to the 1st of October was \$97,650,780, being rather more than \$16,000,000 per month, and it will be apparent on a perusal of the report that this augmentation would have been avoided and a positive reduction of the amount would have been effected, but for certain defects in the legislation on the subject of the finances, which are pointed out in the report and which seem to admit of easy remedy.

In the statements just made the foreign debt is omitted. It consists only of the unpaid balance of the loan known as the cotton loan. This balance is but £2,200,000, and is adequately provided for by about 250,000 bales of cotton owned by the Government, even if the cotton be rated as worth but six pence per pound.

There is one item of the public debt not included in the tables presented to which your attention is required. The bounty bonds promised to our soldiers by the third section of the act of 17th of February, 1864, were deliverable on the 1st of October. The Secretary has been unable to issue them by reason of an omission in the law, no time being therein fixed for the payment of the bonds.

The aggregate appropriations called for by the different departments of the Government, according to the estimates submitted with the report, for the six months ending on the 30th of June, 1865, amount to \$438,102,679, while the Secretary estimates that there will remain unexpended out of former appropriations on the 1st of January, 1865, a balance of \$467,416,504. It would, therefore, seem that former estimates have been largely in excess of actual expenditures, and that no additional appropriations are required for meeting the needs of the public service up to the 1st of July of next year. Indeed, if the estimates now presented should prove to be as much in excess of actual expenditures as has heretofore been the case, a considerable balance will still remain unexpended at the close of the first half of the ensuing year.

The chief difficulty to be apprehended in connection with our finances results from the depreciation of the Treasury notes, which seems justly to be attributed by the Secretary to two causes—redundancy in amount and want of confidence in ultimate redemption; for both of which remedies are suggested that will commend themselves to your consideration as being practicable as well as efficient.

The main features of the plan presented are substantially these: First, that the faith of the Government be pledged that the notes shall ever remain exempt from taxation; second, that no issue shall be made beyond that which is already authorized by law; third, that a certain fixed portion of the annual receipts from taxation during the war shall be set apart specially for the gradual extinction of the outstanding amount until it shall have been reduced to \$150,000,000; and fourth, the pledge and appropriation of such proportion of the tax in kind, and for such number of years after the return of peace as shall be sufficient for the final redemption of the entire circulation. The details of the plan, the calculations on which it is based, the efficiency of its operation, and the vast advantages which would result from its success, are fully detailed in the report and can not be fairly presented in a form sufficiently condensed for this message. I doubt not it will receive from you that earnest and candid consideration which is merited by the importance of the subject.

The recommendations of the report for the repeal of certain provisions of the tax laws, which produce inequality in the burthen of taxation; for exempting all Government loans from taxation on capital, and from any adverse discrimination in taxation on income derived from them; for placing the taxation on banks on the same footing as the taxation of other corporate bodies; for securing the payment into the Treasury of that portion of the bank circulation which is liable to confiscation because held by alien enemies; for the conversion of the interest-bearing Treasury notes now outstanding into coupon bonds; and for the quarterly collection of taxation; all present practical questions for legislation, which if wisely devised will greatly improve the public credit and alleviate the burthens now imposed by the extreme and unnecessary depreciation in the value of the currency.

The returns of the Produce Loan Bureau are submitted with the report, and the information is conveyed that the Treasury Agency in the Trans-Mississippi Department has been fully organized and is now in operation with promise of efficiency and success.

The provision heretofore made to some extent for increasing the compensation of public officers, civil and military, is found to be, in some places, inadequate to their support—perhaps not more so anywhere than in Richmond—and inquiry with a view to appropriate remedy is suggested to your consideration. Your notice is also called to the condition of certain officers of the Treasury who were omitted in the laws heretofore passed for the relief of other public officers, as mentioned in the report of the Secretary of the Treasury.

The condition of the various branches of the military service is stated in the accompanying report of the Secretary of War. Among the suggestions made for legislative action with a view to add to the numbers and efficiency of the Army, all of which will receive your consideration, there are some prominent topics which merit special notice.

The exemption from military duty, now accorded by law to all persons engaged in certain specified pursuits or professions, is shown by experience to be unwise, nor is it believed to be defensible in theory. The defense of home, family, and country is universally recognized as the paramount political duty of every member of society, and in a form of government like ours, where each citizen enjoys an equality of rights and privileges, nothing can be more invidious than an unequal distribution of duties and obligations. No pursuit nor position should relieve any one, who is able to do active duty, from enrollment in the Army, unless his functions or services are more useful to the defense of his country in another sphere. But it is manifest that this can not be the case with entire classes. All telegraph operators, workmen in mines, professors, teachers, engineers, editors and employees of newspapers, journey-men printers, shoemakers, tanners, blacksmiths, millers, physicians, and the numerous other classes mentioned in the laws, can not, in the nature of things, be either equally necessary in their several professions, nor distributed throughout the country in such proportions that only the exact numbers required are found in each locality; nor can it be everywhere impossible to replace those within the conscript age by men older and less capable of active field service. A discretion should be vested in the military authorities, so that a sufficient number of those essential to the public service might be detailed to continue the exercise of their pursuits or professions, but the exemption from service of the entire classes should be wholly abandoned. It affords great facility for abuses, offers the temptation as well as the ready means of escaping service by fraudulent devices, and is one of the principal obstructions to the efficient operation of the conscript laws.

A general militia law is needful in the interest of the public defense. The Constitution, by vesting the power in Congress, imposes on it the duty of providing "for organizing, arming, and disciplining the militia, and for governing such part of them as may be employed in the service of the Confederate States." The great diversity in the legislation of the several States on this subject and the absence of any provision establishing an exact method for calling the militia into Confederate service are sources of embarrassment which ought no longer to be suffered to impede defensive measures.

The legislation in relation to the cavalry demands change. The policy of requiring the men to furnish their own horses has proven pernicious in many respects. It interferes with discipline, impairs efficiency, and is the cause of frequent and prolonged absence from appropriate duty. The subject is fully treated in the Secretary's report, with suggestions as to the proper measures for reforming that branch of the service.

The recommendation hitherto often made is again renewed, that some measure be adopted for the reorganization and consolidation of companies and regiments when so far reduced in numbers as seriously to impair their efficiency. It is the more necessary that this should be done, as the absence of legislation on the subject has forced generals in the field to resort to various expedients for approximating the desired end. It is surely an evil that a commanding officer should be placed in a position which forces upon him the choice of allowing the efficiency of his command to be seriously impaired or of attempting to supply, by the exercise of doubtful authority, the want of proper legal provision. The regard for the sensibility of officers who have heretofore served with credit, and which is believed to be the controlling motive that has hitherto obstructed legislation on this subject, however honorable and proper, may be carried to a point which seriously injures the public good; and if this be the case, it can scarcely be questioned which of the two considerations should be deemed paramount.

The Secretary's recommendations on the subject of facilitating the acquisition of the iron required for maintaining the efficiency of railroad communication on the important military lines are commended to your favor. The necessity for the operation in full vigor of such lines is too apparent to need comment.

The question in dispute between the two Governments relative to the exchange of prisoners of war has been frequently presented in former messages and reports, and is fully treated by the Secretary. The solicitude of the Government for the relief of our captive fellow-citizens has known no abatement, but has, on the contrary, been still more deeply evoked by the additional sufferings to which they have been wantonly subjected, by deprivation of adequate food, clothing, and fuel, which they were not even permitted to purchase from the prison sutlers. Finding that the enemy attempted to excuse their barbarous treatment by the unfounded allegation that it was retaliatory for like conduct on our part, an offer was made by us with a view of ending all pretext for such recriminations or pretended retaliation. The offer has been accepted, and each Government is hereafter to be allowed to provide necessary comforts to its own citizens held captive by the other. Active efforts are in progress for the immediate execution of this agreement, and it is hoped that but few days will elapse before we shall be relieved from the distressing thought that painful physical suffering is endured by so many of our fellow-citizens, whose fortitude in captivity illustrates the national character as fully as did their valor in actual conflict.

The employment of slaves for service with the Army as teamsters or cooks, or in the way of work upon fortifications, or in the Government workshops, or in hospitals, and other similar duties, was authorized by the act of 17th February last, and provision was made for their impressment to a number not exceeding 20,000, if it should be found impracticable to obtain them by contract with the owners. The law contemplated the hiring only of the labor of these slaves, and imposed on the Government the liability to pay for the value of such as might be lost to the owners from casualties resulting from their employment in the service.

This act has produced less result than was anticipated, and further provision is required to render it efficacious. But my present purpose is to invite your consideration to the propriety of a radical modification in the theory of the law.

Viewed merely as property, and therefore as the subject of impressment, the service or labor of the slave has been frequently claimed for short periods in the construction of defensive works. The slave, however, bears another relation to the State—that of a person. The law of last February contemplates only the relation of the slave to the master, and limits the impressment to a certain term of service. But for the purposes enumerated in the act, instruction in the manner of encamping, marching, and parking trains is needful, so that even in this limited employment length of service adds greatly to the value of the negro's labor. Hazard is also encountered in all the positions to which negroes can be assigned for service with the

Army, and the duties required of them demand loyalty and zeal. In this aspect the relation of person predominates so far as to render it doubtful whether the private right of property can consistently and beneficially be continued, and it would seem proper to acquire for the public service the entire property in the labor of the slave and to pay therefor due compensation, rather than to impress his labor for short terms; and this the more especially as the effect of the present law would vest this entire property in all cases where the slave might be recaptured after compensation for his loss had been paid to the private owner. Whenever the entire property in the service of a slave is thus acquired by the Government, the question is presented by what tenure he should be held. Should he be retained in servitude, or should his emancipation be held out to him as a reward for faithful service, or should it be granted at once on the promise of such service, and if emancipated, what action should be taken to secure for the freedman the permission of the State from which he was drawn to reside within its limits after the close of his public service. The permission would doubtless be more readily accorded as a reward for past faithful service; and a double motive for zealous discharge of duty would thus be offered to those employed by the Government; their freedom and the gratification of the local attachment which is so marked a characteristic of the negro, and forms so powerful an incentive to his action. The policy of engaging to liberate the negro on his discharge after service faithfully rendered, seems to me preferable to that of granting immediate manumission or that of retaining him in servitude. If this policy should recommend itself to the judgment of Congress, it is suggested that in addition to the duties heretofore performed by the slave, he might be advantageously employed as pioneer and engineer laborer; and in that event that the number should be augmented to 40,000.

Beyond this limit and these employments it does not seem to me desirable, under existing circumstances, to go. A broad moral distinction exists between the use of slaves as soldiers in the defense of their homes and the incitement of the same persons to insurrection against their masters. The one is justifiable if necessary, the other is iniquitous and unworthy of a civilized people; and such is the judgment of all writers on public law, as well as that expressed and insisted on by our enemies in all wars prior to that now waged against us. By none have the practices of which they are now guilty been denounced with greater severity than by themselves in the two wars with Great Britain in the last and in the present century, and in the Declaration of Independence of 1776, when enumeration was made of the wrongs which justified the revolt from Great Britain, the climax of atrocity was deemed to be reached only when the English monarch was denounced as having "excited domestic insurrections amongst us."

The subject is to be viewed by us, therefore, solely in the light of policy and our social economy. When so regarded I must dissent from those who advise a general levy and arming of the slaves for the duty of soldiers. Until our white population shall prove insufficient for the armies we require and can afford to keep in the field, to employ as a soldier the negro who has merely been trained to labor, and as a laborer the white man accustomed from his youth to the use of firearms would scarcely be deemed wise or advantageous by any, and this is the question now before us. But should the alternative ever be presented of subjugation or of the employment of the slave as a soldier, there seems no reason to doubt what should then be our decision. Whether our view embraced what would, in so extreme a case, be the sum of misery entailed by the dominion of the enemy, or be restricted solely to the effect upon the welfare and happiness of the negro population themselves, the result would be the same. The appalling demoralization, suffering, disease, and death which have been caused by partially substituting the invaders' system of police for the kind relation previously subsisting between the master and slave have been a sufficient demonstration that external interference with our institution of domestic slavery is productive of evil only. If the subject involved no other consideration than the mere right of property, the sacrifices heretofore made by our people have been such as to permit no doubt of their readiness to surrender every possession in order to secure their independence. But the social and political question, which is exclusively under the control of the several States, has a far wider and more enduring importance than that of pecuniary interest. In its manifold phases it embraces the stability of our republican institutions resting on the actual political equality of all its citizens, and includes the fulfillment of the task which has been so happily begun—that of improving the condition and Christianizing the Africans who have by the will of Providence been placed in our charge. Comparing the results of our own experience with those of the experiments of others who have borne similar relations to the African race, the people of the several States of the Confederacy have abundant reason to be satisfied with the past and to use the greatest circumspection in determining their course. These considerations, however, are rather applicable to

the improbable contingency of our need of resorting to this element of resistance than to our present condition. If the recommendation above made for the training of 40,000 negroes for the service indicated should meet your approval, it is certain that even this limited number, by their preparatory training in intermediate duties, would form a more valuable reserve force, in case of urgency, than threefold their number suddenly called from field labor, while a fresh levy could, to a certain extent, supply their places in the special service for which they are now employed.

The regular annual reports of the Attorney-General, the Secretary of the Navy, and the Postmaster-General are appended, and give ample information relative to the condition of the respective departments. They contain suggestions for legislative provisions required to remedy such defects in the existing laws as have been disclosed by experience, but none of so general or important a character as to require that I should do more than recommend them to your favorable consideration.

The disposition of this Government for a peaceful solution of the issues which the enemy has referred to the arbitrament of arms has been too often manifested and is too well known to need new assurances. But while it is true that individuals and parties in the United States have indicated a desire to substitute reason for force, and by negotiation to stop the further sacrifice of human life, and to arrest the calamities which now afflict both countries, the authorities who control the Government of our enemies have too often and too clearly expressed their resolution to make no peace except on terms of our unconditional submission and degradation, to leave us any hope of the cessation of hostilities until the delusion of their ability to conquer us is dispelled. Among those who are already disposed for peace, many are actuated by principle and by disapproval and abhorrence of the iniquitous warfare that their Government is waging, while others are moved by the conviction that it is no longer to the interest of the United States to continue a struggle in which success is unattainable. Whenever this fast-growing conviction shall have taken firm root in the minds of a majority of the Northern people, there will be produced that willingness to negotiate for peace which is now confined to our side. Peace is manifestly impossible unless desired by both parties to this war, and the disposition for it among our enemies will be best and most certainly evoked by the demonstration on our part of ability and unshaken determination to defend our rights and to hold no earthly price too dear for their purchase. Whenever there shall be on the part of our enemies a desire for peace there will be no difficulty in finding means by which negotiation can be opened; but it is obvious that no agency can be called into action until this desire shall be mutual. When that contingency shall happen, the Government to which is confided the treaty-making power can be at no loss for means adapted to accomplish so desirable an end.

In the hope that the day will soon be reached when, under Divine favor, these States may be allowed to enter on their former peaceful pursuits and to develop the abundant natural resources with which they are blessed, let us, then, resolutely continue to devote our united and unimpaired energies to the defense of our homes, our lives, and our liberties. This is the true path to peace. Let us tread it with confidence in the assured result.

JEFFERSON DAVIS.

RICHMOND, VA., *November 7, 1864.*

The message was read.

On motion by Mr. Orr,

Ordered, That it be laid upon the table and printed.

On motion by Mr. Orr,

Ordered, That so much of the President's message as relates to foreign affairs be referred to the Committee on Foreign Relations; that so much as relates to the finances be referred to the Committee on Finance, and that so much as relates to military affairs be referred to the Committee on Military Affairs.

On motion by Mr. Orr,

Ordered, That the report of the Secretary of the Navy be referred to the Committee on Naval Affairs; that the report of the Secretary of War be referred to the Committee on Military Affairs; that the report of the Secretary of the Treasury be referred to the Committee on Finance; that the report of the Postmaster-General be referred to the Committee on Post-Offices and Post-Roads, and that the report of the Attorney-General be referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

The President pro tempore laid before the Senate a letter from the governor of the State of Virginia, communicating a series of resolutions passed at a meeting of the governors of the States of Virginia, North Carolina, South Carolina, Georgia, Alabama, and Mississippi held at Augusta, Ga., on the 17th day of October, 1864, in relation to various subjects connected with the present condition of the country; which was read.

Ordered, That it lie upon the table and be printed.

On motion by Mr. Orr,

The Senate adjourned.

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 8, 1864.

OPEN SESSION.

Mr. Sparrow presented the credentials of the Hon. Augustus H. Garland, chosen a Senator by the general assembly of the State of Arkansas, to fill the vacancy occasioned by the death of the Hon. Charles B. Mitchel; which were read, and the oath prescribed by the Constitution having been administered to Mr. Garland, he took his seat in the Senate.

Mr. Hill (by leave) introduced

A bill (S. 84) to construe and declare more explicitly the meaning of an act to increase the compensation of the heads of the several Executive Departments and the Assistant Secretary of War and the Treasury and of the Assistant Attorney-General and the Comptroller of the Treasury and other officers therein named, approved June 14, 1864;

which was read the first and second times and referred to the Committee on Finance.

Mr. Graham (by leave) introduced

A bill (S. 85) declaring four per cent bonds and certificates therefor receivable in payment of all taxes due and payable for the year 1864; which was read the first and second times and referred to the Committee on Finance.

On motion by Mr. Barnwell, from the Committee on Finance,

Ordered, That the report of the Secretary of the Treasury, with the accompanying documents, be printed for the use of the Senate.

The President pro tempore laid before the Senate a letter from Capt. S. S. Lee, transmitting 30 copies of the Navy Register for 1864, for distribution among the members of the Senate; which was read.

Ordered, That it lie upon the table.

On motion by Mr. Orr,

The Senate adjourned.

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 9, 1864.

OPEN SESSION.

Mr. Garland presented a resolution of the general assembly of the State of Arkansas, suggesting certain amendments to the act of Congress of February 17, 1864, entitled "An act to organize forces to serve during the war;" which was read.

Ordered, That it be referred to the Committee on Military Affairs and printed.

Mr. Garland (by leave) introduced

A bill (S. 86) fixing the salaries of certain civil officers in the Trans-Mississippi Department:

which was read the first and second times and referred to the Committee on Finance.

Mr. Hill submitted the following resolutions; which were considered and agreed to:

Resolved, That the Committee on Military Affairs be instructed to inquire and report what additional legislation, if any, may be needed to secure prompt payment of dues to the Army.

Resolved, That the Committee on Finance be instructed to inquire into the expediency of providing by law for the receipt, in payment of taxes and other public dues, of certificates and stated accounts given by the authorized agents of the Government for property and supplies impressed or purchased for the use of the Army and the Government.

Mr. Sparrow submitted the following resolution; which was considered and agreed to:

Resolved, That the President be requested to communicate to the Senate—

First. The number of persons exempted from military service on the several railroads within the Confederacy, designating the number so exempt on each road, and the number of miles of each road "in actual use for military transportation;" and further, if the presidents or superintendents of said roads have made monthly returns in regard to exemptions thereon as required by law; and if any have failed to do so, the names of such officers and the roads to which they belong.

Second. The number and the names of all persons exempted in cases "where railroads have fallen into the hands of the enemy, and a portion of the rolling stock of such roads is being used on other roads."

Third. The number of persons (if any) which have been detailed for duty to assist in repairing or running any roads, or in repairing or taking care of the rolling stock on or belonging to any of said railroads.

Fourth. The number of persons exempted or detailed for express and telegraph companies, designating the number to each.

Fifth. The number of persons exempted from military service under the provisions of the act approved April fourteenth, eighteen hundred and sixty-three, entitled "An act to exempt contractors for carrying the mails of the Confederate States and the drivers of post coaches and hacks from military service."

Sixth. The number of persons exempted or detailed for agricultural purposes who have given bonds to furnish supplies as provided by law.

Mr. Orr submitted the following resolution; which was considered and agreed to:

Resolved, That the Committee on Finance be instructed to inquire and report if any and what additional legislation is necessary to secure to the owner or hirer a credit upon the amount of their taxes equal to the tithe produced by the hirer, provided such discount does not exceed five per cent.

On motion by Mr. Orr.

Ordered, That the Secretary of the Senate cause to be bound, for the use of the Senate, 28 copies of the Statutes at Large of the Provisional Government of the Confederate States.

Mr. Henry submitted the following resolution; which was considered and agreed to:

Resolved, That the Committee on Military Affairs be instructed to inquire into the expediency of repealing that clause of the act to organize forces to serve during the war, approved seventeenth February, eighteen hundred and sixty-four, which exempts from military service one person as overseer or agriculturist on each farm or plantation upon which there are now, or were on the first day of January last, fifteen able-bodied field hands between the ages of sixteen and fifty; and also the whole of section eleven of said act, which provides that the President be authorized to grant details when, in his judgment, justice, equity, and necessity require such details.

On motion by Mr. Sparrow, from the Committee on Military Affairs,
Ordered, That the report of the Secretary of War be printed.

On motion by Mr. Sparrow, and by unanimous consent,

Ordered, That 200 additional copies of the report of the Secretary of War be printed for the use of the Senate.

On motion by Mr. Sparrow,

Ordered, That the report of Robert Ould, agent for the exchange of prisoners, be printed.

Mr. Henry submitted the following resolution for consideration:

Resolved, That it is a sound policy on the part of the Government of the Confederate States to impress, or hire with the consent of the owner, as many negro slaves as the public necessity may require, for any number of years, or during the war, to be employed in all positions in the Army, except as soldiers in the field, upon paying the owners thereof a just compensation; and that it has the constitutional power to do so.

The Senate proceeded to consider the said resolution; and

On motion by Mr. Henry,

Ordered, That it be referred to the Committee on Military Affairs.

On motion by Mr. Hill,

The Senate adjourned.

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 10, 1864.

OPEN SESSION.

Mr. Garland presented a communication from P. O. Hooper, suggesting sundry measures for perfecting the organization of the Medical Department of the Army; which was referred to the Committee on Military Affairs.

Mr. Sparrow (by leave) introduced

A bill (S. 87) for extending the assessment of prices for the Army to all citizens of the Confederate States; which was read the first and second times and referred to the Committee on Military Affairs.

On motion by Mr. Orr,

Ordered, That the Secretary cause to be bound, for the use of the standing committees of the Senate, 16 copies of the Statutes at Large of the Provisional Government of the Confederate States.

Mr. Caperton submitted the following resolution; which was considered and agreed to:

Resolved, That so much of the report of the Secretary of War as relates to the production and supply of iron be referred to a select committee of five, to be appointed by the President pro tempore.

On motion by Mr. Sparrow,

Ordered, That when the Senate adjourn it be to Monday next.

The following message was received from the President of the Confederate States, by Mr. B. N. Harrison, his Secretary:

RICHMOND, VA., November 9, 1864.

To the Senate and House of Representatives:

I herewith transmit a communication from the Secretary of War, covering copies of several reports of military operations during the present year, and renew my suggestion that all such papers are submitted for the information of Congress, and that it is not considered advisable to publish them at this time.

JEFFERSON DAVIS.

The message was read.

Ordered, That it be referred to the Committee on Military Affairs.

On motion by Mr. Hill,

The Senate resolved into secret legislative session.

The doors having been opened,

On motion by Mr. Sparrow.

The Senate adjourned.

SECRET SESSION.

The following message was received from the President of the Confederate States, by Mr. B. N. Harrison, his Secretary:

RICHMOND, VA., November 9, 1864.

To the Senate and House of Representatives:

I herewith transmit for your consideration a communication from the Secretary of War, showing that a dangerous conspiracy exists in some of the counties of southwestern Virginia, and in the neighboring portions of North Carolina and Tennessee, which it is found impracticable to suppress by the ordinary course of law. The facts are so fully exhibited by the report and accompanying papers, herewith submitted, that I consider it unnecessary to repeat them, or to do more than invite your early attention to disclosures upon which I deem it my duty to recommend the suspension of the writ of habeas corpus, in order that full efficacy may be given to the military power for the repression of the evil.

It may be proper here to add that, after the expiration of the term for which the writ was suspended, serious embarrassment was encountered, particularly at Mobile, Wilmington, and Richmond, on account of the inability of the military authorities to arrest and hold suspected persons against whom the testimony was sufficient to give full assurance that they were spies or holding treasonable communication with the enemy, though legal proof could not be adduced to secure their commitment and conviction by the courts, either because of the character of the evidence or of the necessity for concealing the sources of information, which were not unfrequently within the enemy's lines.

JEFFERSON DAVIS.

The message was read.

Ordered, That it be referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

On motion by Mr. Hill,

The Senate resolved into executive session.

EXECUTIVE SESSION.

The following messages were received from the President of the Confederate States, by Mr. B. N. Harrison, his Secretary:

To the Senate of the Confederate States:

Agreeably to the recommendation of the Secretary of the Navy, I nominate the person named on the annexed list to the office designated.

JEFFERSON DAVIS.

RICHMOND, VA., November 9, 1864.

CONFEDERATE STATES OF AMERICA, NAVY DEPARTMENT,
Richmond, November 8, 1864.

THE PRESIDENT.

SIR: I have the honor to recommend the following nomination for appointment in the Provisional Navy:

Commander.

First Lieut. Joseph Price, of North Carolina, to be promoted for gallant and meritorious conduct in the capture of the enemy's steam sloop *Water Witch*, in Ossabaw Sound, on the 3d of June, 1864, to rank from the 12th day of July, 1864.

I am, respectfully, your obedient servant,

S. R. MALLORY,
Secretary of the Navy.

To the Senate of the Confederate States:

Agreeably to the recommendation of the Secretary of the Navy, I nominate the persons named on the annexed list to the offices designated.

JEFFERSON DAVIS.

RICHMOND, VA., November 9, 1864.

CONFEDERATE STATES OF AMERICA, NAVY DEPARTMENT,
Richmond, November 8, 1864.

THE PRESIDENT.

SIR: I have the honor to recommend the following nominations for appointments in the Provisional Navy:

First lieutenants.

John Wilkinson, of Virginia, a first lieutenant in the Regular Navy, to rank from the 6th day of January, 1864.

Beverly Kennon, of Virginia, to rank from the 23d day of July, 1864.

Æneas Armstrong, of Georgia, to rank from the 26th of July, 1864.

Edward Lakin, of Virginia, to rank from the 26th of July, 1864.

John Lewis, of Virginia, to rank from the 26th of July, 1864.

Musters, in the line of promotion.

Orris A. Browne, of Virginia; Raphael J. Moses, of Georgia; John T. Mason, of Virginia; William W. Wilkinson, of South Carolina.

Passed assistant surgeons.

R. R. Gibbs, of South Carolina; Charles M. Morfit, of Maryland.

Assistant surgeons.

John H. Tucker, of Mississippi.

Howell A. Venable, of Texas, to rank from the 6th day of September, 1864.

George C. Daniel, of Georgia, to rank from the 6th day of September, 1864.

James G. Thomas, of North Carolina, to rank from the 12th day of October, 1864.

Thomas J. Wheeden, of Maryland, to rank from the 18th day of October, 1864.

Assistant paymasters.

Thomas P. Barry, of Alabama, to rank from the 11th day of August, 1864.

Nelson Tift, of Georgia, to rank from the 1st day of October, 1864.

William B. Runyan, of Florida, vice Charles G. Pearson, resigned, to rank from the 4th day of November, 1864.

Chief engineers.

Charles H. Levy, of Virginia; Loudon Campbell, of Virginia; J. J. Darcy, of South Carolina; Wilson Youngblood, of Louisiana, all to rank from the 26th day of October, 1864.

I am, respectfully, your obedient servant,

S. R. MALLORY,
Secretary of the Navy.

To the Senate of the Confederate States:

Agreeably to the recommendation of the Secretary of the Navy, I nominate the persons named on the accompanying list to the offices designated.

JEFFERSON DAVIS.

RICHMOND, VA., November 9, 1864.

NAVY DEPARTMENT, CONFEDERATE STATES OF AMERICA,
Richmond, Va., November 8, 1864.

THE PRESIDENT.

SIR: I have the honor to recommend the following nominations for appointment in the Marine Corps:

Second lieutenants.

Engene R. Smith, of Tennessee, vice First Lieut. J. D. Fowler, deceased, to rank from the 13th day of September, 1864.

John A. Pearson, of Arkansas, vice First Lieut. David Bradford, promoted, to rank from the 8th day of October, 1864.

I am, respectfully, your obedient servant,

S. R. MALLORY,
Secretary of the Navy.

RICHMOND, VA., November 10, 1864.

To the Senate of the Confederate States.

Agreeably to the recommendation of the Secretary of the Navy, I nominate the persons named on the annexed list to the offices designated.

JEFFERSON DAVIS.

NAVY DEPARTMENT, CONFEDERATE STATES OF AMERICA,

Richmond, November 9, 1864.

The PRESIDENT.

SIR: I have the honor to recommend the following nominations for appointment in the Provisional Navy:

Assistant surgeons.

Ira E. Smith, of Georgia; Gustavus E. Sussdorff, of North Carolina; William D. Sale, of Missouri; William M. Coggin, of North Carolina.

I am, respectfully, your obedient servant,

S. R. MALLORY,

Secretary of the Navy.

The messages were read.

Ordered. That they be referred to the Committee on Naval Affairs.

The following message was received from the President of the Confederate States, by Mr. B. N. Harrison, his Secretary:

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT, CONFEDERATE STATES OF AMERICA,

Richmond, November 10, 1864.

To the Senate of the Confederate States:

Agreeably to the recommendation of the Secretary of War, I nominate T. Jeff. Peyton, of Virginia, to be a captain in the Adjutant-General's Department in the Provisional Army of the Confederate States of America.

JEFFERSON DAVIS.

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WAR DEPARTMENT, CONFEDERATE STATES OF AMERICA,

Richmond, November 9, 1864.

SIR: I have the honor to recommend the nomination of T. Jeff. Peyton, of Virginia, to be captain in the Adjutant-General's Department in the Provisional Army of the Confederate States of America, to rank from June 20, 1864.

I am, sir, respectfully, your obedient servant,

JAMES A. SEDDON,

Secretary of War.

To His Excellency JEFFERSON DAVIS,

President, &c.

The message was read.

Ordered. That it be referred to the Committee on Military Affairs.

On motion by Mr. Sparrow.

The Senate resolved into open legislative session.

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 14, 1864.

OPEN SESSION.

The Hon. James M. Baker, from the State of Florida; the Hon. Albert G. Brown, from the State of Mississippi; the Hon. Landon C. Haynes, from the State of Tennessee; the Hon. Richard W. Walker, from the State of Alabama, and the Hon. John W. C. Watson, from the State of Mississippi, severally attended.

Mr. Garland (by leave) introduced

A bill (S. 88) to exempt from taxation, on the part of the Confederate Government, the articles purchased by the State of Arkansas under and by virtue of an act of the general assembly of said State, approved October 1, 1864, entitled "An act to provide cotton and

wool cards and medicines for the families of soldiers, and paper for the officers of the State and counties, and for other purposes;" which was read the first and second times and referred to the Committee on Finance.

Mr. Orr submitted the following resolution; which was considered and agreed to:

Resolved, That the President of the Confederate States be requested to communicate to the Senate the official report of General Joseph E. Johnston touching the operations of the Army of Tennessee, from the occupation of Dalton to the date of his removal from the command of that army.

Mr. Barnwell (by leave) introduced

A bill (S. 89) to repeal a part of the twenty-sixth section of an act approved February 15, 1862, entitled "An act to alter and amend an act entitled 'An act for the sequestration of the estates, property, and effects of alien enemies, and for indemnity of citizens of the Confederate States and persons aiding the same in the existing war with the United States,' approved August thirtieth, eighteen hundred and sixty-one;"

which was read the first and second times and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Mr. Barnwell, from the Committee on Finance, reported

A bill (S. 90) to amend the third section of an act entitled "An act to organize forces to serve during the war," approved February 17, 1864;

which was read the first and second times and considered as in Committee of the Whole; and no amendment being proposed, it was reported to the Senate.

Ordered, That it be engrossed and read a third time.

The said bill was read the third time.

Resolved, That it pass, and that the title thereof be as aforesaid.

Ordered, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the House of Representatives therein.

Mr. Barnwell, from the Committee on Finance, reported

A bill (S. 91) to authorize the Secretary of the Treasury to exchange coupon bonds for 7.30 Treasury notes;

which was read the first and second times and considered as in Committee of the Whole; and no amendment being proposed, it was reported to the Senate.

Ordered, That it be engrossed and read a third time.

The said bill was read the third time.

Resolved, That it pass, and that the title thereof be as aforesaid.

Ordered, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the House of Representatives therein.

On motion by Mr. Hill, from the Committee on the Judiciary,

Ordered, That the report of the Attorney-General be printed for the use of the Senate.

On motion by Mr. Hill,

Ordered, That the Committee on the Judiciary be discharged from the further consideration of the report of the Superintendent of Public Printing, and that it be referred to the Committee on Printing.

On motion by Mr. Baker, from the Committee on Post-Offices and Post-Roads,

Ordered, That the report of the Postmaster-General be printed for the use of the Senate.

On motion by Mr. Baker,

The Senate proceeded, by ballot, to the appointment of a member to fill the vacancy existing in the Committee on Post-Offices and Post-Roads; and

Mr. Garland was appointed.

On motion by Mr. Dortch,

Ordered, That the Hon. William A. Graham have leave of absence from the sessions of the Senate until Thursday, the 24th instant.

On motion by Mr. Hill,

Ordered, That the Hon. Herschel V. Johnson have leave of absence from the sessions of the Senate until Friday, the 18th instant.

On motion by Mr. Orr,

The Senate resolved into secret legislative session.

The doors having been opened,

On motion by Mr. Orr,

The Senate adjourned.

SECRET SESSION.

The President pro tempore laid before the Senate a letter from the Secretary of the Treasury, communicating a report on the Cotton Loan Bureau and a report on the Treasury Note Bureau; which was read.

Ordered, That it be referred to the Committee on Finance.

Mr. Orr submitted the following resolution; which was considered and agreed to:

Resolved, That the President of the Confederate States be requested to inform the Senate whether orders have been issued by the Commissary-General to suspend the issue of all meat rations to prisoners of war, and if so, what has been substituted therefor, together with the quantity allowed in lieu of meat.

Mr. Orr submitted the following resolution; which was considered and agreed to:

Resolved, That the President of the Confederate States be requested to inform the Senate whether companies, battalions, or regiments have been organized from prisoners of war who have taken the oath of allegiance to the Confederate States; the number of such organizations; if said organizations have entered into active service, and where they are to be placed on duty.

On motion by Mr. Orr,

The Senate resolved into open legislative session.

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 15, 1864.

OPEN SESSION.

Mr. Simms submitted the following resolution; which was considered and agreed to:

Resolved, That the Committee on Military Affairs be instructed to inquire into the expediency of entering into some proper and satisfactory arrangement with the military authorities of the United States, whereby the tobacco ration allowed by act of Congress may be forwarded to such of the soldiers of our Army as may be held as prisoners of war by the enemy.

Mr. Sparrow submitted the following resolutions; which were severally considered and agreed to:

Resolved, That the Committee on the Judiciary be instructed to inquire what legislation, if any, is necessary to provide for the sequestration of the property of all persons who, being liable to military duty, have left, or may hereafter leave, the Confederacy without the sanction of the Confederate authorities.

Resolved, That the Committee on Military Affairs be instructed to inquire into the expediency of extending the time within which it is now provided that the act entitled "An act for the establishment and payment of claims for a certain description of property taken or informally impressed for the use of the Army," shall cease and determine.

Mr. Orr submitted the following resolution; which was considered and agreed to:

Resolved, That the Committee on Military Affairs be instructed to inquire whether the late order, No. 77, Adjutant and Inspector General's Department, revoking the details of all men between eighteen and forty-five, requires any modification by legislation to preserve the producing and industrial interests of the country.

Mr. Orr (by leave) introduced

A bill (S. 92) to exempt the cargoes of vessels owned by the States of the Confederacy from existing restrictions upon exports and imports;

which was read the first and second times and referred to the Committee on Commerce.

Mr. Sparrow (by leave) introduced

A bill (S. 93) to amend an act entitled "An act to provide for the safe custody, printing, publication, and distribution of the laws, and to provide for the appointment of an additional clerk in the Department of Justice," approved August 5, 1861;

which was read the first and second times and considered as in Committee of the Whole; and no amendment being proposed, it was reported to the Senate.

Ordered, That it be engrossed and read a third time.

The said bill was read the third time.

Resolved, That it pass, and that the title thereof be as aforesaid.

Ordered, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the House of Representatives therein.

Mr. Hill, from the Committee on the Judiciary, to whom was referred the bill (S. 89) to repeal a part of the twenty-sixth section of an act approved February 15, 1862, entitled "An act to alter and amend an act entitled 'An act for the sequestration of the estates, property, and effects of alien enemies, and for indemnity of citizens of the Confederate States and persons aiding the same in the existing war with the United States,' approved August thirtieth, eighteen hundred and sixty-one," reported it without amendment.

The Senate proceeded, as in Committee of the Whole, to the consideration of said bill; and no amendment being proposed, it was reported to the Senate.

Ordered, That it be engrossed and read a third time.

The said bill was read the third time.

Resolved, That it pass, and that the title thereof be as aforesaid.

Ordered, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the House of Representatives therein.

On motion by Mr. Maxwell,

Ordered, That when the Senate adjourn it be to Thursday next.

On motion by Mr. Garland,

Ordered, That the Hon. Robert W. Johnson have leave of absence from the sessions of the Senate until Wednesday, the 7th day of December next.

On motion by Mr. Garland,

The Senate adjourned.

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 17, 1864.

OPEN SESSION.

The Hon. Thomas J. Semmes, from the State of Louisiana, attended.

Mr. Walker (by leave) introduced

A bill (S. 94) to amend the law in relation to the receipt of counterfeit Treasury notes by public officers;

which was read the first and second times and referred to the Committee on Finance.

Mr. Maxwell submitted the following resolution; which was considered and agreed to:

Resolved, That the President of the Confederate States be requested to inform the Senate, in open or secret session as he may deem advisable, whether he has information that any State of the United States has, through any of her recognized authorities, directly or indirectly expressed a willingness to go into convention with the States of this Confederacy for the purpose of negotiating a peace, or consulting on the best method of effecting a cessation of hostilities; and to communicate such information to the Senate, if not incompatible with the public service.

Mr. Hill presented a memorial of the banks of Savannah, Ga., praying certain modifications of the currency and tax acts of February and June, 1864; which was referred to the Committee on Finance.

Mr. Sparrow submitted the following resolution; which was considered and agreed to:

Resolved, That the President of the Confederate States be requested to communicate to the Senate the number of persons in each State exempted from military service upon the certificate of the governors, respectively, that they are officers necessary for the proper administration of the governments of said States.

Mr. Sparrow (by leave) introduced

A bill (S. 95) to amend the acts that make a further provision for the public defense;

which was read the first and second times and referred to the Committee on Military Affairs.

Mr. Semmes (by leave) introduced

A bill (S. 96) to extend the time within which holders of Treasury notes of the old issue may exchange the same for notes of the new issue;

which was read the first and second times and referred to the Committee on Finance.

Mr. Brown (by leave) introduced

A bill (S. 97) to prevent illegal impressments and to punish lawlessness;

which was read the first and second times and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Mr. Haynes submitted the following resolution; which was considered and agreed to:

Resolved, That the Committee on Military Affairs be instructed to inquire into the expediency of a reorganization of the cavalry in the Confederate service, and of mounting and equipping them at the expense of the Government.

On motion by Mr. Sparrow,

Ordered, That the Committee on Military Affairs be discharged from the further consideration of the bill (S. 87) for extending the assessment of prices for the Army to all citizens of the Confederate States, and that it be referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

On motion by Mr. Walker,
The Senate resolved into secret legislative session.
The doors having been opened,
On motion by Mr. Barnwell,
The Senate adjourned.

SECRET SESSION.

Mr. Walker submitted the following resolution; which was considered and agreed to:

Resolved, That the Committee on Commerce be instructed to inquire into the expediency of a law authorizing the several States, under regulations to be prescribed by the Secretary of War, to export cotton to points within the enemy's lines, in payment for army supplies.

On motion by Mr. Sparrow,
The Senate resolved into open legislative session.

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 18, 1864.

OPEN SESSION.

The Hon. Herschel V. Johnson, from the State of Georgia, attended.
Mr. Garland (by leave) introduced

A bill (S. 98) to amend an act to establish the judicial courts of the Confederate States of America, approved March 16, 1861; which was read the first and second times and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Mr. Sparrow (by leave) introduced

A bill (S. 99) to amend an act entitled "An act providing for the establishment and payment of claims for a certain description of property taken or informally impressed for the use of the Army;" which was read the first and second times and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Mr. Brown submitted the following resolution; which was considered and agreed to:

Resolved, That the Committee on Military Affairs be instructed to inquire whether military officers in command of departments have authority, under existing laws, to impress negroes, wagons, teams, etc., for the purpose of building or repairing railroads belonging to private companies; and if not, what legislation is necessary to restrain such military officers within reasonable and proper limits in this regard.

Mr. Barnwell presented the petition of bankers, brokers, planters, and others, praying that the owners of registered bonds of the fifteen million loan be authorized by law to exchange the same for coupon bonds; which was referred to the Committee on Finance.

Mr. Orr submitted the following resolution; which was considered and agreed to:

Resolved, That the Committee on Foreign Relations be requested to report the facts, so far as they can be obtained, relative to the lawless seizure and capture of the Confederate steamer Florida in the Bay of Bahia, Brazil, and what action should be taken by this Government to redress the outrage.

Mr. Orr submitted the following resolution; which was, by unanimous consent, considered and agreed to:

Resolved, That two hundred additional copies of the report of the Secretary of the Treasury be printed for the use of the Senate.

Mr. Henry (by leave) introduced

A joint resolution (S. 16) defining the position of the Confederate States, and declaring the determination of the Congress and the people thereof to prosecute the war till their independence is acknowledged; which was read the first and second times and ordered to be placed upon the Calendar and printed.

Mr. Barnwell, from the Committee on Finance, to whom was referred the bill (S. 86) fixing the salaries of certain civil officers in the Trans-Mississippi Department, reported it without amendment.

The Senate proceeded, as in Committee of the Whole, to the consideration of the said bill; and no amendment being proposed, it was reported to the Senate.

Ordered, That it be engrossed and read a third time.

The said bill was read the third time.

Resolved, That it pass, and that the title thereof be as aforesaid.

Ordered, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the House of Representatives therein.

Mr. Barnwell, from the Committee on Finance, to whom was referred the bill (S. 96) to extend the time within which holders of Treasury notes of the old issue may exchange the same for notes of the new issue, reported it with amendments.

The Senate proceeded, as in Committee of the Whole, to the consideration of the said bill; and on the question to agree to the following reported amendment, viz: Strike out the word "August," in the seventh, thirteenth, and eighteenth lines of the bill, and insert in lieu thereof the word "July,"

It was determined in the affirmative.

The residue of the reported amendments were then disagreed to.

No further amendment being made, the bill was reported to the Senate and the amendment made as in Committee of the Whole was concurred in.

Ordered, That the bill be engrossed and read a third time.

The said bill was read the third time.

Resolved, That it pass, and that the title thereof be as aforesaid.

Ordered, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the House of Representatives therein.

Mr. Barnwell, from the Committee on Finance, to whom was referred the bill (S. 94) to amend the law in relation to the receipt of counterfeit Treasury notes by public officers, reported it with amendments.

The Senate proceeded, as in Committee of the Whole, to the consideration of the said bill; and the reported amendments having been agreed to, the bill was reported to the Senate and the amendments were concurred in.

Ordered, That the bill be engrossed and read a third time.

The said bill was read the third time.

Resolved, That it pass, and that the title thereof be as aforesaid.

Ordered, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the House of Representatives therein.

On motion by Mr. Barnwell,

The Senate resolved into executive session.

The doors having been opened,

The following messages were received from the President of the Confederate States, by Mr. B. N. Harrison, his Secretary:

RICHMOND, VA., November 11, 1864.

To the Senate and House of Representatives:

I herewith transmit for your information a communication from the Secretary of War, covering copies of the reports of Maj. Gen. N. B. Forrest, relative to the battle of Tishomingo Creek, and of Capt. B. L. Farinholt, relative to the engagement of the enemy with the reserve forces at Staunton River Bridge.

JEFFERSON DAVIS.

RICHMOND, VA., November 15, 1864.

To the Senate and House of Representatives:

I herewith transmit for your information a communication from the Secretary of War, covering a copy of the report by Gen. G. T. Beauregard, of operations on Morris Island during the months of July, August, and September, 1863.

JEFFERSON DAVIS.

RICHMOND, VA., November 15, 1864.

To the Senate and House of Representatives:

I herewith transmit for your consideration a communication from the Secretary of War, submitting an estimate for an additional appropriation to be employed for the purpose which he indicates.

JEFFERSON DAVIS.

The messages were severally read.

Ordered. That they be referred to the Committee on Military Affairs.

On motion by Mr. Sparrow,

The Senate adjourned.

SECRET SESSION.

The following message was received from the President of the Confederate States, by Mr. B. N. Harrison, his Secretary:

RICHMOND, VA., November 15, 1864.

To the Senate and House of Representatives:

I herewith transmit for your information, in secret session, a communication from the Secretary of State, submitting copies of the correspondence with our commissioners abroad, referred to in my message of the 7th instant.

JEFFERSON DAVIS.

The message was read.

Ordered. That it be referred to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

Mr. Watson submitted the following resolution; which was considered and agreed to:

Resolved, That the Committee on Commerce be instructed to inquire into the expediency of making it lawful for citizens, under proper regulations, to export cotton, or take it into any Confederate territory, whether occupied by the enemy or not, for the purpose of procuring therewith supplies of food, clothing, medicine, or other articles now allowed by law to be imported.

On motion by Mr. Barnwell,

The Senate resolved into open legislative session.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

The following messages were received from the President of the Confederate States, by Mr. B. N. Harrison, his Secretary:

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT, CONFEDERATE STATES OF AMERICA,

Richmond, November 15, 1864.

To the Senate of the Confederate States:

Agreeably to the recommendation of the Secretary of War, I nominate S. R. Anderson, of Tennessee, to be brigadier-general in the Provisional Army of the Confederate States of America, to command reserve forces of Tennessee.

JEFFERSON DAVIS.

No. 3.]

WAR DEPARTMENT, CONFEDERATE STATES OF AMERICA,
Richmond, November 14, 1864.

SIR: I have the honor to recommend the nomination of S. R. Anderson, of Tennessee, to be brigadier-general in the Provisional Army of the Confederate States of America, to command reserve forces of Tennessee, to rank from November 7, 1864.

I am, sir, respectfully, your obedient servant,

JAMES A. SEDDON,
Secretary of War.

To His Excellency JEFFERSON DAVIS,
President, etc.

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT, CONFEDERATE STATES OF AMERICA,
Richmond, November 15, 1864.

To the Senate of the Confederate States:

Agreeably to the recommendation of the Secretary of War, I nominate Col. P. B. Starke, of Mississippi, to be brigadier-general in the Provisional Army of the Confederate States of America, to command a brigade, Department Alabama, Mississippi, and East Louisiana.

JEFFERSON DAVIS.

No. 4.]

WAR DEPARTMENT, CONFEDERATE STATES OF AMERICA,
Richmond, November 14, 1864.

SIR: I have the honor to recommend the nomination of Col. P. B. Starke, of Mississippi, to be brigadier-general in the Provisional Army of the Confederate States of America, to command a brigade, Department Alabama, Mississippi, and East Louisiana, to rank from November 4, 1864.

I am, sir, respectfully, your obedient servant,

JAMES A. SEDDON,
Secretary of War.

To His Excellency JEFFERSON DAVIS,
President, etc.

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT, CONFEDERATE STATES OF AMERICA,
Richmond, November 15, 1864.

To the Senate of the Confederate States:

Agreeably to the recommendation of the Secretary of War, I nominate Col. J. Gorgas, of Alabama, to be brigadier-general (under act approved October 13, 1862) in the Provisional Army of the Confederate States of America.

JEFFERSON DAVIS.

No. 2.]

WAR DEPARTMENT, CONFEDERATE STATES OF AMERICA,
Richmond, November 14, 1864.

SIR: I have the honor to recommend the nomination of Col. J. Gorgas, of Alabama, to be brigadier-general (under act approved October 13, 1862) in the Provisional Army of the Confederate States of America, to rank from November 10, 1864.

I am, sir, respectfully, your obedient servant,

JAMES A. SEDDON,
Secretary of War.

To His Excellency JEFFERSON DAVIS,
President, etc.

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT, CONFEDERATE STATES OF AMERICA,
Richmond, November 15, 1864.

To the Senate of the Confederate States:

Agreeably to the recommendation of the Secretary of War, I nominate C. W. Helm, of Kentucky, to be commissary, with the rank of major in the Provisional Army of the Confederate States of America, for duty with Lewis' brigade, Army of Tennessee.

JEFFERSON DAVIS.

No. 5.]

WAR DEPARTMENT, CONFEDERATE STATES OF AMERICA,
Richmond, November 15, 1864.

SIR: I have the honor to recommend the nomination of Charles W. Helm, of Kentucky, to be commissary, with rank of major in the Provisional Army of the Confederate States of America, for duty with Lewis' brigade, Army of Tennessee, vice Major Moorman, deceased, to date from November 14, 1864.

I am, sir, respectfully, your obedient servant,

JAMES A. SEDDON,
Secretary of War.

To His Excellency JEFFERSON DAVIS,
President, etc.

The messages were read.

Ordered, That they be referred to the Committee on Military Affairs.

On motion by Mr. Barnwell,

The Senate resolved into secret legislative session.

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 19, 1864.

OPEN SESSION.

Mr. Sparrow (by leave) introduced

A bill (S. 100) to amend the act to provide an invalid corps, approved February 17, 1864;

which was read the first and second times and considered as in Committee of the Whole; and no amendment being proposed, it was reported to the Senate.

Ordered, That it be engrossed and read a third time.

The said bill was read the third time.

Resolved, That it pass, and that the title thereof be as aforesaid.

Ordered, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the House of Representatives therein.

Mr. Haynes submitted the following resolution; which was considered and agreed to:

Resolved, That the Committee on Finance be instructed to inquire into the expediency of so amending the twelfth section of the act approved on the seventeenth of February, eighteen hundred and sixty-four, entitled "An act to reduce the currency and to authorize a new issue of notes and bonds," as to substitute the certificate of the cashier of the bank or branch bank of any State, verified by his affidavit, in the room of the certificate therein required of the governor, of the amount of Treasury notes received and held by any State before said notes become taxable under said act, and on deposit with said cashier to the credit of any State or the treasurer thereof.

Mr. Barnwell, from the Committee on Finance, reported

A bill (S. 101) to authorize the exchange of registered bonds issued under the act of February 28, 1861, for coupon bonds of like amounts and times for payment;

which was read the first and second times and considered as in Committee of the Whole; and no amendment being proposed, it was reported to the Senate.

Ordered, That it be engrossed and read a third time.

The said bill was read the third time.

Resolved, That it pass, and that the title thereof be as aforesaid.

Ordered, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the House of Representatives therein.

On motion by Mr. Dortch,

Ordered, That James Page, Doorkeeper of the Senate, have leave of absence until Saturday, the 26th instant.

On motion by Mr. Barnwell,

The Senate resolved into secret legislative session.

The doors having been opened,

Mr. Sparrow (by leave) introduced

A bill (S. 102) to amend an act entitled "An act to organize forces to serve during the war," approved February 17, 1864;

which was read the first and second times and considered as in Committee of the Whole; and no amendment being made, it was reported to the Senate.

Ordered, That it be engrossed and read a third time.

The said bill was read the third time.

Resolved, That it pass, and that the title thereof be as aforesaid.

Ordered, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the House of Representatives therein.

On motion by Mr. Semmes,

The Senate adjourned.

SECRET SESSION.

Mr. Barnwell (by leave) introduced

A bill (S. 102) to authorize the exportation of produce and merchandise bought from the Government; which was read the first and second times and referred to the Committee on Commerce.

On motion by Mr. Sparrow,

The Senate resolved into executive session.

EXECUTIVE SESSION.

Mr. Sparrow, from the Committee on Military Affairs, to whom were referred, on the 18th instant, the nominations of J. Gorgas and S. R. Anderson, to be brigadier-generals, reported, with the recommendation that said nominations be confirmed.

The Senate proceeded to consider said report; and in concurrence therewith, it was

Resolved, That the Senate advise and consent to their appointment, agreeably to the nomination of the President.

On motion by Mr. Sparrow,

The Senate resolved into open legislative session.

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 21, 1864.

OPEN SESSION.

Mr. Semmes (by leave) introduced

A joint resolution (S. 17) relative to the assessment of the value of the tax in kind; which was read the first and second times and considered as in Committee of the Whole; and

After debate,

On motion by Mr. Semmes,

Ordered, That the further consideration thereof be postponed until to-morrow.

A message from the House of Representatives, by Mr. Dalton:

Mr. President: The House of Representatives have passed bills of the Senate of the following titles:

S. 63. An act for the relief of Mrs. Margaret A. Rice; and

S. 103. An act to amend an act entitled "An act to organize forces to serve during the war," approved February 17, 1864.

Mr. Watson presented the petition of J. Rodgers and twenty-seven others, praying the passage of a law authorizing the Secretary of the Treasury to issue to them bonds for certain Treasury notes destroyed by the public enemy; which was referred to the Committee on Claims.

Mr. Watson (by leave) introduced

A bill (S. 104) to revive and extend an act entitled "An act in relation to the receipt of counterfeit Treasury notes by public officers," approved May 1, 1864; which was read the first and second times and referred to the Committee on Finance.

On motion by Mr. Sparrow.

Ordered, That the Committee on Military Affairs be discharged from the further consideration of the resolution submitted by Mr. Simms on the 15th instant, inquiring into the expediency of entering into some proper and satisfactory arrangement with the military authorities of the United States, whereby the tobacco ration allowed by act of Congress may be forwarded to such of the soldiers of our Army as may be held as prisoners of war by the enemy.

Mr. Brown presented the memorial of F. M. Ewing and Z. McDaniel, praying a reviewal of their claim for the destruction of the Federal gunboat Cairo; which was referred to the Committee on Naval Affairs.

Mr. Brown submitted the following resolution; which was considered and agreed to:

Resolved, That the bills, resolutions, memorials, and other matters referred to the Committee on Naval Affairs at the last session, and returned to the Senate as unfinished business, be withdrawn from the files and recommitted to said committee.

On motion by Mr. Sparrow.

The Senate resolved into executive session.

The doors having been opened.

On motion by Mr. Sparrow.

The Senate adjourned.

SECRET SESSION.

Mr. Dortch, from the Committee on Commerce, to whom was referred the bill (S. 102) to authorize the exportation of produce and merchandise bought from the Government, reported it without amendment.

Mr. Walker, from the Committee on Commerce, who were instructed by a resolution of the Senate to inquire into the subject, reported a bill (S. 105) to authorize the exportation of cotton by the several States in payment for army supplies and cotton and wool cards; which was read the first and second times and considered as in Committee of the Whole; and

After debate,

On motion by Mr. Semmes.

Ordered, That the further consideration thereof be postponed until to-morrow.

On motion by Mr. Sparrow.

The Senate resolved into open legislative session.

EXECUTIVE SESSION.

Mr. Sparrow, from the Committee on Military Affairs, to whom was referred, on the 18th instant, the nomination of C. W. Helm, to be commissary, with the rank of major, reported, with the recommendation that said nomination be confirmed.

The Senate proceeded to consider said report; and in concurrence therewith, it was

Resolved, That the Senate advise and consent to his appointment, agreeably to the nomination of the President.

The following message was received from the President of the Confederate States, by Mr. B. N. Harrison, his Secretary:

RICHMOND, VA., November 21, 1864.

To the Senate of the Confederate States:

In response to your resolution of the 17th instant, I herewith transmit a communication from the Secretary of State which conveys the information requested.

JEFFERSON DAVIS.

The message was read.

Ordered, That it be referred to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

The following messages were received from the President of the Confederate States, by Mr. B. N. Harrison, his Secretary:

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT, CONFEDERATE STATES OF AMERICA,

Richmond, November 21, 1864.

To the Senate of the Confederate States:

Agreeably to the recommendation of the Secretary of War, I nominate Maj. A. P. Mason, of Virginia, to be promoted to lieutenant-colonel, Adjutant-General's Department, in the Provisional Army of the Confederate States of America.

JEFFERSON DAVIS.

No. 10.]

WAR DEPARTMENT, CONFEDERATE STATES OF AMERICA,

Richmond, November 19, 1864.

SIR: I have the honor to recommend the nomination of Maj. A. P. Mason, of Virginia, to be promoted to lieutenant-colonel, Adjutant-General's Department, in the Provisional Army of the Confederate States of America, for duty with Army of Tennessee, vice Colonel Ewell, transferred, to rank November 12, 1864.

I am, sir, respectfully, your obedient servant,

JAMES A. SEDDON,
Secretary of War.

To His Excellency JEFFERSON DAVIS,

President, etc.

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT, CONFEDERATE STATES OF AMERICA,

Richmond, November 21, 1864.

To the Senate of the Confederate States:

Agreeably to the recommendation of the Secretary of War, I nominate James W. Terrell, of North Carolina, to be an assistant quartermaster, with the rank of captain in the Provisional Army of the Confederate States of America.

JEFFERSON DAVIS.

No. 11.]

WAR DEPARTMENT, CONFEDERATE STATES OF AMERICA,

Richmond, November 19, 1864.

SIR: I have the honor to recommend the nomination of James W. Terrell, of North Carolina, to be an assistant quartermaster, with rank of captain in the Provisional Army of the Confederate States of America, for duty with Thomas' Legion (an original vacancy), to date from November 12, 1864.

I am, sir, respectfully, your obedient servant,

JAMES A. SEDDON,
Secretary of War.

To His Excellency JEFFERSON DAVIS,

President, etc.

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT, CONFEDERATE STATES OF AMERICA,

Richmond, November 19, 1864.

To the Senate of the Confederate States:

Agreeably to the recommendation of the Secretary of War, I nominate Roswell Ellis, of Georgia, to be captain, Adjutant-General's Department, in the Provisional Army of the Confederate States of America.

JEFFERSON DAVIS.

No. 6.]

WAR DEPARTMENT, CONFEDERATE STATES OF AMERICA,

Richmond, November 17, 1864.

SIR: I have the honor to recommend the nomination of Roswell Ellis, of Georgia, to be captain, Adjutant-General's Department, in the Provisional Army of the Confed-

erate States of America, for duty with Field's division, Army of Northern Virginia, vice Major Jones, killed, to rank from November 17, 1864.

I am, sir, respectfully, your obedient servant,

JAMES A. SEDDON,
Secretary of War.

To His Excellency JEFFERSON DAVIS,
President, etc.

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT, CONFEDERATE STATES OF AMERICA,
Richmond, November 18, 1864.

To the Senate of the Confederate States:

Agreeably to the recommendation of the Secretary of War, I nominate the officers on the accompanying list to the rank affixed to their names, respectively.

JEFFERSON DAVIS.

No. 9.] WAR DEPARTMENT, CONFEDERATE STATES OF AMERICA,
Richmond, November 18, 1864.

SIR: I have the honor to recommend the following nominations for appointment in the Provisional Army of the Confederate States of America:

Adjutants—first lieutenants.

Ezekiel Foster, of Georgia, to be adjutant Twenty-third Georgia Regiment, vice Lieutenant Talley, resigned, to rank from November 7, 1864.

William T. Bell, of Alabama, to be adjutant Nineteenth Alabama Regiment, vice Lieutenant Hale, resigned, to rank from November 7, 1864.

John J. Neilson, of Louisiana, to be adjutant Third Louisiana Cavalry Regiment (an original vacancy), to rank from June 14, 1864.

C. J. C. Hutson, of South Carolina, to be adjutant First South Carolina Regiment, vice Lieutenant Hamilton, promoted, to rank from October 25, 1864.

I am, sir, respectfully, your obedient servant,

JAMES A. SEDDON,
Secretary of War.

To His Excellency JEFFERSON DAVIS,
President, etc.

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT, CONFEDERATE STATES OF AMERICA,
Richmond, November 18, 1864.

To the Senate of the Confederate States:

Agreeably to the recommendation of the Secretary of War, I nominate the officers on the accompanying list to the rank affixed to their names, respectively.

JEFFERSON DAVIS.

No. 7.] WAR DEPARTMENT, CONFEDERATE STATES OF AMERICA,
Richmond, November 17, 1864.

SIR: I have the honor to recommend the following nominations for promotion in the Provisional Army of the Confederate States of America:

Colonel.

Lieut. Col. W. H. Yarborough, of North Carolina, to be colonel Fifteenth North Carolina Regiment, vice Colonel MacRae, appointed brigadier-general, to rank from November 4, 1864.

Lieutenant-colonels.

Maj. W. A. Walker, of South Carolina, to be lieutenant-colonel First South Carolina Cavalry Regiment, vice Lieutenant-Colonel Twiggs, deceased, to rank from September 15, 1864.

Maj. Martin J. Ford, of Georgia, to be lieutenant-colonel First Georgia Regiment, vice Lieutenant-Colonel Rockwell, dropped, to rank from September 3, 1864.

Maj. J. D. Wylie, of South Carolina, to be lieutenant-colonel Fifth South Carolina Regiment, vice Lieutenant-Colonel Jackson, resigned, to rank from December 24, 1862.

Maj. James P. Snapp, of Tennessee, to be lieutenant-colonel Sixty-first Tennessee Regiment, vice Lieutenant-Colonel Rose, promoted, to rank from August 1, 1864.

Maj. W. A. Barden, of Georgia, to be lieutenant-colonel Seventeenth Georgia Regiment, vice Lieutenant-Colonel Matthews, killed, to rank from January 22, 1864.

Maj. Samuel Toole, of Tennessee, to be lieutenant-colonel Third Tennessee Regiment, vice Lieutenant-Colonel Haskins, resigned, to rank from February 17, 1864.

Maj. James H. Rion, of South Carolina, to be lieutenant-colonel Seventh South Carolina Battalion, vice Lieutenant-Colonel Nelson, killed, to rank from June 24, 1864.

Majors.

Capt. A. McC. Lewis, of Georgia, to be major Second Georgia Regiment, vice Major Shepherd, promoted, to rank from January 25, 1864.

Capt. J. B. Moore, of Georgia, to be major Seventeenth Georgia Regiment, vice Major Barden, promoted, to rank from January 22, 1864.

Capt. John A. McFarlane, of Virginia, to be major Thirty-fourth Virginia Battalion Cavalry, vice Major Straton, dropped, to rank from June 28, 1864.

Capt. John V. B. Rogers, of North Carolina, to be major Nineteenth North Carolina Regiment (Second Cavalry), vice Major Roberts, promoted, to rank from June 23, 1864.

I am, sir, respectfully, your obedient servant,

JAMES A. SEDDON,
Secretary of War.

To His Excellency JEFFERSON DAVIS,
President, &c.

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT, CONFEDERATE STATES OF AMERICA,
Richmond, November 18, 1864.

To the Senate of the Confederate States:

Agreeably to the recommendation of the Secretary of War, I nominate the officers on the accompanying list to the rank affixed to their names, respectively.

JEFFERSON DAVIS.

No. 8.] WAR DEPARTMENT, CONFEDERATE STATES OF AMERICA,
Richmond, November 17, 1864.

SIR: I have the honor to recommend the following nominations for appointment in the Provisional Army of the Confederate States of America:

Colonel.

Lieut. Col. A. Young, of Georgia, to be colonel Eleventh Georgia Cavalry Regiment (formed by increasing the Thirtieth Battalion), to rank from November 14, 1864.

Lieutenant-colonel.

Maj. H. W. Barclay, of Georgia, to be lieutenant-colonel Eleventh Georgia Cavalry Regiment (formed by increasing the Thirtieth Battalion), to rank from November 14, 1864.

Major.

Capt. Madison Bell, of Georgia, to be major Eleventh Georgia Cavalry Regiment (formed by increasing the Thirtieth Battalion), to rank from November 14, 1864.

Captain.

Lieut. S. T. Kingsbery, of ———, to be captain Company L, Seventh Confederate Cavalry Regiment, the officers entitled to promotion found incompetent, vice Captain Bonner, resigned, to rank from November 5, 1864.

Second lieutenants.

P. L. Henry, of South Carolina, to be second lieutenant, First South Carolina Regiment (enlisted men), vice Lieutenant Means, retired, to rank from November 12, 1864.

Ion Simons, of South Carolina, to be second lieutenant Ferguson's battery, vice Lieutenant Stark, appointed adjutant Tenth South Carolina Regiment, to rank from November 12, 1864.

I am, sir, respectfully, your obedient servant,

JAMES A. SEDDON,
Secretary of War.

To His Excellency JEFFERSON DAVIS,
President, &c.

The messages were read.

Ordered, That they be referred to the Committee on Military Affairs.

The following message was received from the President of the Confederate States, by Mr. B. N. Harrison, his Secretary:

RICHMOND, VA., *November 19, 1864.*

To the Senate of the Confederate States:

I hereby nominate G. A. Trenholm, of South Carolina, to be Secretary of the Treasury, in place of C. G. Memminger, resigned.

JEFFERSON DAVIS.

The message was read.

Ordered, That it be referred to the Committee on Finance.

The following messages were received from the President of the Confederate States, by Mr. B. N. Harrison, his Secretary:

RICHMOND, VA., *November 18, 1864.*

To the Senate of the Confederate States:

Agreeably to the recommendation of the Secretary of the Navy, I nominate the person named on the annexed list to the office designated.

JEFFERSON DAVIS.

No. 6.]

NAVY DEPARTMENT, CONFEDERATE STATES OF AMERICA,

Richmond, November 18, 1864.

THE PRESIDENT.

SIR: I have the honor to recommend the following nomination for appointment in the Provisional Navy:

Second lieutenant.

Randolph R. Stiles, of Georgia.

I am, respectfully, your obedient servant,

S. R. MALLORY,

Secretary of the Navy.

To the Senate of the Confederate States:

Agreeably to the recommendation of the Secretary of the Navy, I nominate the person named on the annexed list to the office designated.

JEFFERSON DAVIS.

RICHMOND, VA., *November 18, 1864.*

No. 5.]

NAVY DEPARTMENT, CONFEDERATE STATES OF AMERICA,

Richmond, November 17, 1864.

THE PRESIDENT.

SIR: I have the honor to recommend the following nomination for appointment in the Provisional Navy:

Second lieutenant.

Crawford H. Gornley, of Virginia.

I am, respectfully, your obedient servant,

S. R. MALLORY,

Secretary of the Navy.

The messages were read.

Ordered, That they be referred to the Committee on Naval Affairs.

The following message was received from the President of the Confederate States, by Mr. B. N. Harrison, his Secretary:

RICHMOND, VA., *November 18, 1864.*

To the Senate of the Confederate States:

Agreeably to the recommendation of the Attorney-General, I hereby nominate the persons whose names appear upon the annexed list to the offices designated.

JEFFERSON DAVIS.

No. 1.]

DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE, CONFEDERATE STATES OF AMERICA,

Richmond, November 18, 1864.

THE PRESIDENT.

SIR: I have the honor to recommend the following nominations for the confirmation of the Senate:

District attorney.

Henry Williams, to be district attorney of the Confederate States for the district of Georgia, in the place of William Dougherty, resigned.

Marshals.

Frank P. Stubbs, to be marshal of the Confederate States for the district of Louisiana, in place of C. B. Beverly, removed.

Pride Jones, to be marshal of the Confederate States for the district of North Carolina, in place of Wesley Jones, resigned.

Very respectfully, your obedient servant,

GEO. DAVIS,
Attorney-General.

The message was read.

Ordered, That it be referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

On motion by Mr. Walker,

The Senate resolved into secret legislative session.

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 22, 1864.

OPEN SESSION.

Mr. Walker (by leave) introduced

A bill (S. 106) to repeal in part an act to regulate the destruction of property, under military necessity, and to provide for the indemnity thereof, approved March 17, 1862;

which was read the first and second times and referred to the Committee on Military Affairs.

Mr. Walker (by leave) introduced

A bill (S. 107) to provide supplies for the Army, and to prescribe the mode of making impressments;

which was read the first and second times and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Mr. Garland submitted the following resolution; which was considered and agreed to:

Resolved, That the Committee on Military Affairs be instructed to inquire into the expediency of allowing such details for railroads and iron works, from time to time, as they may require, upon condition that the president and superintendent of such railroads and iron works make formal application, under affidavit, for such details, showing the necessity for the same, and such application be approved by the Government agent of transportation for the district in which such details are asked; and into the expediency of making all details for railroads report to the Government superintendent of railroad transportation in each military district, who shall be responsible for the men detailed, and who shall have authority to transfer any one thus detailed from one road to another, and, also, to any other department in his district, when, in his judgment, changes are found necessary to the efficient working of any of such departments.

Mr. Garland (by leave) introduced

A bill (S. 108) to amend the impressment acts;
which was read the first and second times and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

A message from the House of Representatives, by Mr. Dalton:

Mr. President: The Speaker of the House of Representatives having signed two enrolled bills, I am directed to bring them to the Senate for the signature of their President.

Mr. Orr submitted the following resolution; which was considered and agreed to:

Resolved, That the Committee on Military Affairs be instructed to inquire into the causes of the recent reverses sustained by the Confederate arms in the valley of Virginia, and what, if any, additional action is required by the legislative department of the Government to prevent their recurrence.

Mr. Henry, from the Committee on Military Affairs, reported

A bill (S. 109) to amend an act entitled "An act to increase the efficiency of the Army by the employment of free negroes and slaves in certain capacities," approved February 17, 1864; which was read the first and second times and ordered to be placed upon the Calendar and printed.

Mr. Barnwell, from the Committee on Finance, to whom was referred the bill (S. 104) to revive and extend an act entitled "An act in relation to the receipt of counterfeit Treasury notes by public officers," approved May 1, 1864, reported it with an amendment.

The Senate proceeded, as in Committee of the Whole, to the consideration of the said bill; and the reported amendment having been agreed to, the bill was reported to the Senate and the amendment was concurred in.

Ordered, That the bill be engrossed and read a third time.

The said bill was read the third time and the title was amended.

Resolved, That it pass, and that the title thereof be "An act to extend the provisions of an act entitled 'An act in relation to the receipt of counterfeit Treasury notes by public officers,' approved May first, eighteen hundred and sixty-three, and the provisions of the fifth section of the act approved February seventeenth, eighteen hundred and sixty-four, entitled 'An act to amend the act for the assessment and collection of taxes, approved May first, eighteen hundred and sixty-three.'"

Ordered, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the House of Representatives therein.

Mr. Barnwell, from the Committee on Finance, who were instructed by a resolution of the Senate to inquire into the subject, reported

A bill (S. 110) to amend the twelfth section of the act entitled "An act to reduce the currency and to authorize a new issue of notes and bonds," approved February 17, 1864;

which was read the first and second times and considered as in Committee of the Whole; and no amendment being proposed, it was reported to the Senate.

Ordered, That it be engrossed and read a third time.

The said bill was read the third time.

Resolved, That it pass, and that the title thereof be as aforesaid.

Ordered, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the House of Representatives therein.

On motion by Mr. Sparrow,

Ordered, That the Committee on Military Affairs be discharged from the further consideration of the resolution submitted by Mr. Hill on the 9th instant, inquiring what additional legislation, if any, may be needed to secure prompt payment of dues to the Army.

Mr. Sparrow, from the Committee on Military Affairs, reported

A bill (S. 111) to authorize the President to appoint commissioners for the exchange of prisoners; which was read the first and second times and considered as in Committee of the Whole.

On motion by Mr. Graham, to commit the bill to the Committee on Military Affairs,

It was determined in the negative.

On motion by Mr. Orr, to amend the bill by inserting at the end thereof the words "and said officers shall be removable at the pleasure of the President,"

It was determined in the affirmative.

On motion by Mr. Sparrow,

Ordered, That the further consideration of the bill be postponed until to-morrow.

Mr. Hill, from the Committee on the Judiciary, to whom was referred the bill (S. 87) for extending the assessment of prices for the Army to all citizens of the Confederate States, reported it with the recommendation that it ought not to pass.

Mr. Caperton, from the committee, reported that they had examined and found truly enrolled bills of the following titles:

S. 63. An act for the relief of Mrs. Margaret A. Rice; and

S. 103. An act to amend an act entitled "An act to organize forces to serve during the war," approved February 17, 1864.

The President pro tempore having signed the enrolled bills last reported to have been examined, they were delivered to the Secretary of the Senate and by him forthwith presented to the President of the Confederate States for his approval.

Mr. Hill, from the Committee on the Judiciary, to whom was referred the bill (S. 99) to amend an act entitled "An act providing for the establishment and payment of claims for a certain description of property taken or informally impressed for the use of the Army," reported it with an amendment.

The Senate proceeded, as in Committee of the Whole, to the consideration of the said bill; and the reported amendment having been agreed to, the bill was reported to the Senate and the amendment was concurred in.

Ordered, That the bill be engrossed and read a third time.

The said bill was read the third time and the title was amended.

Resolved, That it pass, and that the title thereof be "An act to continue in force an act entitled 'An act providing for the establishment and payment of claims for a certain description of property taken or informally impressed for the use of the Army,' approved June fourteenth, eighteen hundred and sixty-four."

Ordered, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the House of Representatives therein.

Mr. Walker, from the Committee on the Judiciary, to whom was referred the bill (S. 98) to amend an act to establish the judicial courts of the Confederate States of America, approved March 16, 1861, reported it with an amendment.

The Senate proceeded, as in Committee of the Whole, to the consideration of the said bill; and

On motion by Mr. Barnwell, that the bill and amendment be printed,
It was determined in the negative.

After debate,

On motion by Mr. Sparrow,

Ordered, That the further consideration of the bill be postponed until to-morrow.

On motion by Mr. Orr,

The Senate resolved into executive session.

The doors having been opened,

On motion by Mr. Haynes,

The Senate adjourned.

EXECUTIVE SESSION.

Mr. Barnwell, from the Committee on Finance, to whom was referred (on the 21st instant) the nomination of G. A. Trenholm, to be Secretary of the Treasury, reported, with the recommendation that said nomination be confirmed.

The Senate proceeded to consider said report; and in concurrence therewith, it was

Resolved, That the Senate advise and consent to the appointment of G. A. Trenholm, to be Secretary of the Treasury, agreeably to the nomination of the President.

Mr. Hill, from the Committee on the Judiciary, to whom were referred (on the 21st instant) the nominations of Henry Williams, to be district attorney of the Confederate States for the district of Georgia; Frank P. Stubbs, to be marshal of the Confederate States for the district of Louisiana, and Pride Jones, to be marshal of the Confederate States for the district of North Carolina, reported, with the recommendation that all of said nominations be confirmed.

The Senate proceeded to consider said report; and in concurrence therewith, it was

Resolved, That the Senate advise and consent to their appointment, agreeably to the nomination of the President.

Mr. Sparrow, from the Committee on Military Affairs, to whom were referred (on the 21st instant) the nominations of W. H. Yarborough, to be colonel; W. A. Walker, Martin J. Ford, J. D. Wylie, James P. Snapp, W. A. Barden, Samuel Toole, and James H. Rion, to be lieutenant-colonels; A. McC. Lewis, J. B. Moore, John A. McFarlane, and John V. B. Rogers, to be majors; Ezekiel Foster, William T. Bell, John J. Neilson, and C. J. C. Hutson, to be adjutants, with rank of first lieutenants, reported, with the recommendation that all of said nominations be confirmed.

The Senate proceeded to consider said report; and in concurrence therewith, it was

Resolved, That the Senate advise and consent to their appointment, agreeably to the nomination of the President.

On motion by Mr. Orr,

Ordered, That the injunction of secrecy be removed from the message of the President of the 21st instant, in response to a resolution of the Senate of the 17th instant, inquiring whether any State of the United States had expressed a willingness to go into convention with the States of the Confederacy for the purpose of negotiating a peace, or effecting a cessation of hostilities, and that it be printed.

On motion by Mr. Orr,

The Senate resolved into open legislative session.

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 23, 1864.

OPEN SESSION.

Mr. Walker (by leave) introduced

A bill (S. 112) to repeal an act approved June 14, 1864, entitled "An act to amend an act entitled 'An act to organize military courts to attend the Army of the Confederate States in the field, and to define

the powers of said courts,' approved October ninth, eighteen hundred and sixty-two," and for other purposes; which was read the first and second times and referred to the Committee on Military Affairs.

Mr. Walker submitted the following resolution; which was considered and agreed to:

Resolved, That the Secretary be instructed to procure, for the use of the Senate, thirty copies of the "Digest of the Military and Naval Laws of the Confederate States," published by Evans & Cogswell.

The Senate resumed, as in Committee of the Whole, the consideration of the joint resolution (S. 17) relative to the assessment of the value of the tax in kind; and

On motion by Mr. Barnwell,

Ordered, That it be referred to the Committee on Finance.

The Senate resumed, as in Committee of the Whole, the consideration of the bill (S. 111) to authorize the President to appoint commissioners for the exchange of prisoners; and no further amendment being made, the bill was reported to the Senate and the amendment made as in Committee of the Whole was concurred in.

Ordered, That the bill be engrossed and read a third time.

The said bill was read the third time.

Resolved, That it pass, and that the title thereof be as aforesaid.

Ordered, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the House of Representatives therein.

The Senate resumed, as in Committee of the Whole, the consideration of the bill (S. 98) to amend an act to establish the judicial courts of the Confederate States of America, approved March 16, 1861.

On the question to agree to the following reported amendment, viz: Strike out all after the enacting clause of the bill and insert:

That in the case of all judgments or decrees designated in the above-recited act as subject to reexamination, and reversal or affirmance in the Supreme Court of the Confederate States, which may have been heretofore rendered, or which may be hereafter rendered, before the organization of the Supreme Court of the Confederate States, the parties shall be allowed the further period of twelve months from and after the organization of such Supreme Court within which to sue out such writ of error.

On motion by Mr. Walker, to amend the amendment by adding thereto the following proviso, viz:

Provided, That nothing herein contained shall be construed to authorize the reexamination by said Supreme Court of the judgments and decrees herein referred to in the event that Congress, in establishing said court under the Permanent Constitution, shall deny to it appellate jurisdiction in the cases designated in said forty-fifth section of the act above mentioned,

It was determined in the affirmative.

The reported amendment as amended was then agreed to.

No further amendment being made, the bill was reported to the Senate and the amendment was concurred in.

Ordered, That the bill be engrossed and read a third time.

The said bill was read the third time.

Resolved, That it pass, and that the title thereof be as aforesaid.

Ordered, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the House of Representatives therein.

The Senate proceeded, as in Committee of the Whole, to the consideration of the bill (S. 87) for extending the assessment of prices for the Army to all citizens of the Confederate States; and

On motion by Mr. Sparrow,

Ordered, That the further consideration thereof be postponed until Monday next.

The Senate proceeded, as in Committee of the Whole, to the consideration of the joint resolution (S. 16) defining the position of the Confederate States, and declaring the determination of the Congress and the people thereof to prosecute the war till their independence is acknowledged; and

On motion by Mr. Henry,

Ordered, That the further consideration thereof be postponed to and made the special order for Tuesday next, at 1 o'clock.

On motion by Mr. Barnwell,

The Senate resolved into secret legislative session.

The doors having been opened,

On motion by Mr. Henry,

The Senate adjourned.

SECRET SESSION.

The Senate resumed, as in Committee of the Whole, the consideration of the bill (S. 105) to authorize the exportation of cotton by the several States in payment for army supplies and cotton and wool cards.

On motion by Mr. Graham, to amend the bill by inserting after "supplies," line 5, the word "salt."

It was determined in the affirmative.

On motion by Mr. Garland, to amend the bill by inserting after "supplies," line 5, the word "medicines."

It was determined in the affirmative.

On motion by Mr. Semmes, to amend the bill by inserting after "State," line 6, the words "and in payment for any supplies purchased by any State for the use of its lunatic or insane asylums."

It was determined in the affirmative.

On motion by Mr. Sparrow, to amend the bill by inserting after "places," line 3, the words "to be designated by the Secretary of War,"

It was determined in the negative.

No further amendment being made, the bill was reported to the Senate and the amendments were concurred in.

Ordered, That the bill be engrossed and read a third time.

The said bill was read the third time and the title was amended.

On the question,

Shall the bill now pass?

It was determined in the affirmative,	Yea	11
	Nay	7

On motion by Mr. Simms,

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present, Those who voted in the affirmative are,

Messrs. Barnwell, Brown, Dortch, Garland, Graham, Haynes, Maxwell, Orr, Semmes, Walker, and Watson.

Those who voted in the negative are,

Messrs. Baker, Henry, Hill, Johnson of Georgia, Johnson of Missouri, Simms, and Sparrow.

So it was

Resolved, That this bill pass, and that the title thereof be "An act

to authorize the exportation of cotton by the several States in payment for army and other supplies and cotton and wool cards."

Ordered, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the House of Representatives therein.

The Senate proceeded, as in Committee of the Whole, to the consideration of the bill (S. 102) to authorize the exportation of produce and merchandise bought from the Government; and no amendment being proposed, it was reported to the Senate.

Ordered, That it be engrossed and read a third time.

The said bill was read the third time.

Resolved, That it pass, and that the title thereof be as aforesaid.

Ordered, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the House of Representatives therein.

On motion by Mr. Brown,

The Senate resolved into executive session.

EXECUTIVE SESSION.

Mr. Brown, from the Committee on Naval Affairs, to whom were referred (on the 10th and 21st instant) the nominations of Joseph Price, to be commander; Eugene R. Smith, John A. Pearson, Randolph R. Stiles, and Crawford H. Gormley, to be second lieutenants; Ira E. Smith, Gustavus E. Sussdorff, William D. Sale, and William M. Coggin, to be assistant surgeons, reported, with the recommendation that all of said nominations be confirmed.

The Senate proceeded to consider said report; and in concurrence therewith, it was

Resolved, That the Senate advise and consent to their appointment, agreeably to the nomination of the President.

On motion by Mr. Sparrow,

The Senate resolved into open legislative session.

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 24, 1864.

OPEN SESSION.

On motion by Mr. Walker,

Ordered, That the Hon. Robert Jenison have leave of absence from the sessions of the Senate until Thursday, the 1st day of December next.

Mr. Garland submitted the following resolution; which was considered and agreed to:

Resolved, That the Committee on Finance be instructed to inquire whether the act of June fourteenth, eighteen hundred and sixty-four, providing for increase of compensation of the heads of the several Executive Departments and the Assistant Secretary of War and the Treasury and of the Assistant Attorney-General and the Comptroller of the Treasury and other officers therein named includes the special agents of the Post-Office Department; and if not, whether it is expedient to increase the compensation of such agents.

Mr. Maxwell submitted the following resolution; which was considered and agreed to:

Resolved, That the Committee on Naval Affairs be instructed to inquire into the expediency of allowing rations to warrant officers of the Navy serving on shore as in the case of commissioned officers, and also to the civil employees of the naval stations.

Mr. Maxwell (by leave) introduced

A bill (S. 113) to authorize the Secretary of the Treasury to remit the tax on Confederate bonds and interest-bearing notes in certain cases;

which was read the first and second times and referred to the Committee on Finance.

Mr. Graham submitted the following resolution; which was considered and agreed to:

Resolved, That the Committee on Indian Affairs be instructed to inquire into the expediency of amending the act of May first, eighteen hundred and sixty-three, entitled "An act to provide for the payment of the interest on the removal and subsistence fund due to the Cherokee Indians in North Carolina," and that they report such amendments, if any, as may be deemed necessary to carry out the objects contemplated by said act.

Mr. Graham submitted the following resolution; which was considered and agreed to:

Resolved, That the President of the Confederate States be requested to communicate to the Senate a copy of the report of Lieutenant-General D. H. Hill of the operations of his command in the battle of Chickamauga.

Mr. Graham presented a memorial of the Society of Friends of the State of North Carolina, praying that certain persons who have been received into the membership of the society since the 11th day of October, 1862, may be exempted from military service; which was referred to the Committee on Military Affairs.

Mr. Haynes (by leave) introduced

A bill (S. 114) to provide clothing for the commissioned officers of the armies of the Confederate States below the rank of brigadier-general in the field;

which was read the first and second times and referred to the Committee on Military Affairs.

The Senate proceeded, as in Committee of the Whole, to the consideration of the bill (S. 109) to amend an act entitled "An act to increase the efficiency of the Army by the employment of free negroes and slaves in certain capacities," approved February 17, 1864; and

On motion by Mr. Caperton,

Ordered, That the further consideration thereof be postponed until to-morrow.

On motion by Mr. Sparrow,

Ordered, That the Hon. Henry C. Burnett have leave of absence from the sitting of the Senate to-day.

On motion by Mr. Maxwell,

The Senate resolved into secret legislative session.

The doors having been opened,

The following message was received from the President of the Confederate States, by Mr. B. N. Harrison, his Secretary:

Mr. President: The President of the Confederate States, on the 22d instant, approved and signed the following acts:

S. 63. An act for the relief of Mrs. Margaret A. Rice; and

S. 103. An act to amend an act entitled "An act to organize forces to serve during the war," approved February 17, 1864.

Ordered, That the Secretary inform the House of Representatives thereof.

On motion by Mr. Barnwell,

The Senate adjourned.

SECRET SESSION.

On motion by Mr. Henry,

That the vote on passing the bill (S. 105) to authorize the exportation of cotton by the several States in payment for army and other supplies and cotton and wool cards be reconsidered,

On motion by Mr. Henry,

Ordered, That the further consideration thereof be postponed until to-morrow.

The following message was received from the President of the Confederate States, by Mr. B. N. Harrison, his Secretary:

RICHMOND, VA., November 24, 1864.

To the Senate of the Confederate States:

In response to your resolution of the 14th instant, adopted in secret session, I herewith transmit a communication from the Secretary of War, which conveys the information requested relative to the enlistment into our Army of prisoners of war who have taken the oath of allegiance to the Confederate States.

JEFFERSON DAVIS.

The message was read.

Ordered, That it be referred to the Committee on Military Affairs.

On motion by Mr. Sparrow,

The Senate resolved into executive session.

EXECUTIVE SESSION.

The following message was received from the President of the Confederate States, by Mr. B. N. Harrison, his Secretary:

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT, CONFEDERATE STATES OF AMERICA,

Richmond, November 24, 1864.

To the Senate of the Confederate States:

Agreeably to the recommendation of the Secretary of War, I nominate Thomas D. Johnston, of North Carolina, to be assistant commissary, with rank of captain in the Provisional Army of the Confederate States of America.

JEFFERSON DAVIS.

No. 16.]

WAR DEPARTMENT, CONFEDERATE STATES OF AMERICA,

Richmond, November 22, 1864.

SIR: I have the honor to recommend the nomination of Thomas D. Johnston, of North Carolina, to be assistant commissary, with rank of captain in the Provisional Army of the Confederate States of America, for duty with Thomas' Legion (an original vacancy), to date from November 21, 1864.

I am, sir, respectfully, your obedient servant,

JAMES A. SEDDON,

Secretary of War.

To His Excellency JEFFERSON DAVIS,

President, etc.

The message was read.

Ordered, That it be referred to the Committee on Military Affairs.

On motion by Mr. Sparrow,

The Senate resolved into open legislative session.

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 25, 1864.

OPEN SESSION.

A message from the House of Representatives, by Mr. Dalton:

Mr. President: The House of Representatives have passed a bill and joint resolution of the following titles; in which they request the concurrence of the Senate:

H. R. 189. An act to amend the laws in relation to the receipt of counterfeit Treasury notes by public officers; and

H. R. 19. Joint resolution of thanks to Gen. N. B. Forrest and the officers and men of his command.

And they have passed Senate bills of the following titles:

S. 90. An act to amend the third section of an act entitled "An act to organize forces to serve during the war," approved February 17, 1864; and

S. 91. An act to authorize the Secretary of the Treasury to exchange coupon bonds for 7.30 Treasury notes.

Mr. Hill submitted the following resolution; which was considered and agreed to:

Resolved, That the Committee on the Judiciary inquire into the necessity and expediency of reporting a bill increasing the salaries of the judges of the district courts of the Confederate States.

Mr. Simms submitted the following resolution; which was considered and agreed to:

Resolved, That a special committee of three be appointed, with instructions to inquire whether the price now paid for making clothing for the Army is sufficient compensation to those engaged in that business; and also whether the compensation allowed to females employed in the Ordnance Department is sufficient to enable such persons to purchase such supplies as may be necessary for their subsistence.

On motion by Mr. Orr,

Ordered, That the committee be appointed by the President pro tempore; and

Mr. Simms, Mr. Baker, and Mr. Graham were appointed.

Mr. Johnson of Missouri presented the petition of Thomas Weldon, praying the passage of a law allowing him compensation for the destruction of the United States gunboat Cairo, on the Yazoo River, on or about the 12th day of December, 1862; which was referred to the Committee on Naval Affairs.

Mr. Graham submitted the following resolution; which was considered and agreed to:

Resolved, That the Committee on the Judiciary be instructed to inquire what legislation is necessary to cause to be made the enumeration of the people of the several Confederate States, according to the requirement of the Constitution, Article I, section 2, clause 3.

Mr. Barnwell (by leave) introduced the following bills; which were severally read the first and second times and referred to the Committee on Finance:

S. 115. Bill to exempt from taxation the capital of bonds and certificates issued by the Confederate States; and

S. 116. Bill to exempt from taxation loans made on hypothecation of nontaxable bonds.

Mr. Caperton submitted the following resolution; which was considered and agreed to:

Resolved, That the Committee on Military Affairs be instructed to inquire into the expediency of providing by law for supplying Confederate citizens held as prisoners by the Government of the United States with the same amount of supplies as is furnished to other prisoners belonging to the service of the Confederate States Government.

The President pro tempore laid before the Senate the memorial of the mayor and common council of the town of Fredericksburg, Va., praying the passage of a law exempting the citizens of said town from taxation by the Confederate States Government; which was referred to the Committee on Finance.

Mr. Semmes, from the Committee on Finance, to whom was referred the bill (S. 85) declaring four per cent bonds and certificates therefor receivable in payment of all taxes due and payable for the year 1864, reported it with an amendment.

The Senate proceeded, as in Committee of the Whole, to the consideration of the said bill; and the reported amendment having been agreed to,

On motion by Mr. Orr,

Ordered, That the further consideration of the bill be postponed until to-morrow.

On motion by Mr. Sparrow,

Ordered, That the Committee on Military Affairs be discharged from the further consideration of the following subjects:

A resolution inquiring into the expediency of extending the time within which it is now provided that the act entitled "An act for the establishment and payment of claims for a certain description of property taken or informally impressed for the use of the Army," shall cease and determine;

A resolution inquiring into the causes of the recent reverses sustained by the Confederate arms in the Valley of Virginia; and

A communication from P. O. Hooper, suggesting sundry measures for perfecting the organization of the Medical Department of the Army.

On motion by Mr. Sparrow, that the Committee on Military Affairs be discharged from the further consideration of the resolution submitted by Mr. Orr on the 15th instant, inquiring whether the late order, No. 77, Adjutant and Inspector General's Department, revoking the details of all men between 18 and 45, requires any modification by legislation to preserve the producing and industrial interests of the country,

On motion by Mr. Orr,

Ordered, That the further consideration thereof be postponed until to-morrow.

Mr. Sparrow, from the Committee on Military Affairs, reported

A bill (S. 117) to authorize the commanders of the reserves in each State to order general courts-martial and to revise the proceedings of courts-martial and military courts;

which was read the first and second times and considered as in Committee of the Whole; and no amendment being proposed, it was reported to the Senate.

Ordered, That it be engrossed and read a third time.

The said bill was read the third time.

Resolved, That it pass, and that the title thereof be as aforesaid.

Ordered, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the House of Representatives therein.

Mr. Orr submitted the following resolution; which was considered and agreed to:

Resolved, That the President of the Confederate States be requested to inform the Senate how many officers of the Army of the Confederate States have been tried under the acts of Congress "to punish drunkenness in the Army," and how many convictions have been had on such trials.

The Senate resumed, as in Committee of the Whole, the consideration of the bill (S. 109) to amend an act entitled "An act to increase the efficiency of the Army by the employment of free negroes and slaves in certain capacities," approved February 17, 1864; and

On motion by Mr. Caperton,

Ordered, That the further consideration thereof be postponed until to-morrow.

On motion by Mr. Orr,

Ordered, That when the Senate adjourn it be to Monday next.

The bill (H. R. 189) and joint resolution (H. R. 19) received this day from the House of Representatives for concurrence were severally read the first and second times; and

Ordered, That the bill be referred to the Committee on Finance, and the joint resolution to the Committee on Military Affairs.

On motion by Mr. Watson,

The Senate resolved into secret legislative session.

The doors having been opened,

On motion by Mr. Maxwell,

The Senate adjourned.

SECRET SESSION.

The Senate proceeded to consider the motion submitted by Mr. Henry on yesterday to reconsider the vote on passing the bill (S. 105) to authorize the exportation of cotton by the several States in payment for army and other supplies and cotton and wool cards; and

The motion was disagreed to.

Mr. Caperton submitted the following resolution for consideration:

Resolved, That the Committee on the Judiciary be instructed to bring in a bill for the suspension of the privilege of the writ of habeas corpus, with the same provisions which were contained in the act approved the seventeenth day of February, eighteen hundred and sixty-four, entitled "An act to suspend the privilege of the writ of habeas corpus in certain cases."

On motion by Mr. Sparrow,

The Senate resolved into executive session.

EXECUTIVE SESSION.

Mr. Sparrow, from the Committee on Military Affairs, to whom were referred (on the 21st and 24th instant) the nominations of James W. Terrell, to be assistant quartermaster, with rank of captain, and of Thomas D. Johnston, to be assistant commissary, with rank of captain, reported, with the recommendation that said nominations be confirmed.

The Senate proceeded to consider said report; and in concurrence therewith, it was

Resolved, That the Senate advise and consent to their appointment, agreeably to the nomination of the President.

On motion by Mr. Sparrow,

The Senate resolved into open legislative session.

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 28, 1864.

OPEN SESSION.

Mr. Garland submitted the following resolution; which was considered and agreed to:

Resolved, That the Committee on Finance be instructed to inquire into the expediency of authorizing and directing money collectors in all localities to take up receipts in the hands of all those producers who have, through ignorance, paid their tax in kind in good faith to unauthorized persons for the use of the Army, and to give credit for such receipts in satisfaction of the money value.

Mr. Garland (by leave) introduced

A bill (S. 118) to prevent companies, associations, or persons, unless employed by the Post-Office Department, from carrying letters, papers, or any mailable matter whatever; which was read the first and second times and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Mr. Baker submitted the following resolution; which was considered and agreed to:

Resolved, That the Committee on Military Affairs be instructed to inquire into the expediency of allowing transportation to officers traveling with leave of absence.

Mr. Maxwell presented the petition of adjutants of certain Florida regiments, praying an increase of rank for that class of officers, and that they be placed in the line of promotion; which was referred to the Committee on Military Affairs.

Mr. Hill presented the memorial of the adjutants of the regiments composing Colquitt's brigade, praying that the rank of adjutants may be raised to that of captain of infantry, and that they be placed in the line of promotion, or that they be included in the bill organizing a general staff, with the rank of captain of cavalry; which was referred to the Committee on Military Affairs.

Mr. Semmes submitted the following resolutions; which were severally considered and agreed to:

Resolved, That the President of the Confederate States be requested to inform the Senate whether or not the almshouse of the city of Richmond, heretofore occupied and used as a hospital for sick and wounded officers of the Army, has been diverted from such use, and, if so, the reasons therefor; and whether adequate provision has been made for the comfortable accommodation of such officers.

Resolved, That the Committee on the Judiciary be directed to inquire into the expediency of establishing a Confederate court for that portion of Louisiana east of the Mississippi River during the war.

Mr. Caperton submitted the following resolutions; which were severally considered and agreed to:

Resolved, That the Committee on Finance be instructed to inquire into the expediency of allowing further time for the exchange of Treasury notes of the old issue for notes of the new issue to soldiers and citizens of the Confederate States now held as prisoners by the Government of the United States, or who have been recently exchanged.

Resolved, That the Committee on Military Affairs be instructed to inquire into the expediency of providing by law for the promotion of adjutants of regiments to the rank of captains.

A message from the House of Representatives, by Mr. Dalton:

Mr. President: The Speaker of the House of Representatives having signed two enrolled bills, I am directed to bring them to the Senate for the signature of their President.

Mr. Barnwell, from the Committee on Finance, to whom was referred the bill (S. 84) to construe and declare more explicitly the meaning of an act to increase the compensation of the heads of the several Executive Departments and the Assistant Secretary of War and the Treasury and of the Assistant Attorney-General and the Comptroller of the Treasury and other officers therein named, approved June 14, 1864, reported it with an amendment.

Ordered, That the bill and amendment be printed.

Mr. Walker, from the Committee on the Judiciary, to whom was referred the bill (S. 107) to provide supplies for the Army, and to prescribe the mode of making impressments, reported it with amendments.

Ordered, That the bill and amendments be printed.

Mr. Dortch, from the Committee on Commerce, to whom was referred the bill (S. 92) to exempt the cargoes of vessels owned by the States of the Confederacy from existing restrictions upon exports and imports, reported it with an amendment.

Ordered, That the bill and amendment be printed.

Mr. Sparrow, from the Committee on Military Affairs, to whom was referred the joint resolution (H. R. 19) of thanks to Gen. N. B. Forrest and the officers and men of his command, reported it without amendment.

The Senate proceeded, as in Committee of the Whole, to the consideration of the said resolution; and no amendment being proposed, it was reported to the Senate.

Ordered, That it pass to a third reading.

The said resolution was read the third time.

Resolved, That it pass.

Ordered, That the Secretary inform the House of Representatives thereof.

The Senate resumed, as in Committee of the Whole, the consideration of the bill (S. 87) for extending the assessment of prices for the Army to all citizens of the Confederate States; and

On motion by Mr. Sparrow,

Ordered, That the further consideration thereof be postponed until the second Monday in December next.

The Senate resumed, as in Committee of the Whole, the consideration of the bill (S. 85) declaring four per cent bonds and certificates therefor receivable in payment of all taxes due and payable for the year 1864; and

On motion by Mr. Simms,

Ordered, That the further consideration thereof be postponed until to-morrow.

The Senate proceeded to consider the motion submitted by Mr. Sparrow, from the Committee on Military Affairs, on the 25th instant, that the said committee be discharged from the farther consideration of the resolution submitted by Mr. Orr on the 15th instant, inquiring whether the late order, No. 77, Adjutant and Inspector General's Department, revoking the details of all men between 18 and 45, requires any modification by legislation to preserve the producing and industrial interests of the country; and

On motion by Mr. Orr,

Ordered, That the further consideration thereof be postponed until Monday next.

Mr. Dortch, from the committee, reported that they had examined and found truly enrolled bills of the following titles:

S. 90. An act to amend the third section of an act entitled "An act to organize forces to serve during the war," approved February 17, 1864; and

S. 91. An act to authorize the Secretary of the Treasury to exchange coupon bonds for 7.30 Treasury notes.

The President pro tempore having signed the enrolled bills last reported to have been examined, they were delivered to the Secretary of the Senate and by him forthwith presented to the President of the Confederate States for his approval.

The Senate resumed, as in Committee of the Whole, the consideration of the bill (S. 109) to amend an act entitled "An act to increase the efficiency of the Army by the employment of free negroes and slaves in certain capacities," approved February 17, 1864.

On motion by Mr. Caperton, to amend the bill by inserting at the end of the second section the following proviso:

Provided, That the slaves so impressed shall not be employed for any other than the purposes contemplated by this and previous laws,

It was determined in the affirmative.

On motion by Mr. Garland, to amend the bill by inserting at the end of the second section the following additional proviso:

Provided further, That under no circumstances shall the Secretary of War be allowed to keep in service more than forty thousand slaves for the purposes indicated in this act,

It was determined in the negative.

On motion by Mr. Semmes,

Ordered, That the further consideration of the bill be postponed until to-morrow.

On motion by Mr. Caperton,

The Senate resolved into secret legislative session.

The doors having been opened,

On motion by Mr. Graham,

The Senate adjourned.

SECRET SESSION.

Mr. Semmes submitted the following resolution; which was considered and agreed to:

Resolved, That the Committee on Naval Affairs be instructed to inquire into the expediency of suspending appropriations for the construction of vessels of war and of limiting the operations of the Naval Department during the war.

Mr. Brown submitted the following resolution; which was considered and agreed to:

Resolved, That the Committee on Naval Affairs be instructed to inquire into the propriety of instructing our commissioners abroad to engage skilled mechanics in foreign countries to come to the Confederate States, under assurances that they shall receive liberal compensation and constant employment in the service of the Government, and that they shall be exempt from military duty.

The Senate proceeded to consider the resolution submitted by Mr. Caperton on the 25th instant, instructing the Committee on the Judiciary to bring in a bill for the suspension of the privilege of the writ of habeas corpus; and

Mr. Caperton (by leave) withdrew the resolution.

Mr. Caperton (by leave) introduced

A bill (S. 119) to suspend the privilege of the writ of habeas corpus in certain cases;

which was read the first and second times and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

On motion by Mr. Caperton,

Ordered, That the committee be instructed to report the bill at as early a day as practicable.

On motion by Mr. Brown,

The Senate resolved into executive session.

EXECUTIVE SESSION.

Mr. Brown, from the Committee on Naval Affairs, to whom were referred (on the 10th instant) the nominations of John Wilkinson, Beverly Kemmon, Aeneas Armstrong, Edward Lakin, and John Lewis, to be first lieutenants; Orris A. Browne, John T. Mason, Raphael J. Moses, and William W. Wilkinson, to be masters, in the line of promotion; R. R. Gibbes and Charles M. Morfit, to be passed assistant surgeons; John H. Tucker, Howell A. Venable, George C. Daniel, James G. Thomas, and Thomas J. Wheeden, to be assistant surgeons; Thomas P. Barry, Nelson Tift, and William B. Runyan, to be assistant paymasters; Charles H. Levy, Loudon Campbell, J. J. Darcy, and Wilson Youngblood, to be chief engineers in the Provisional Navy, reported, with the recommendation that all of said nominations be confirmed.

The Senate proceeded to consider said report; and in concurrence therewith, it was

Resolved, That the Senate advise and consent to their appointment, agreeably to the nomination of the President.

On motion by Mr. Caperton,

Ordered, That the injunction of secrecy be removed from the proceedings of the Senate upon the nominations of T. R. Dunn and J. H. Munford, who were nominated for second lieutenants in the First Virginia Battalion on the 10th day of March, 1862.

On motion by Mr. Caperton,

The Senate resolved into open legislative session.

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 29, 1864.

OPEN SESSION.

Mr. Maxwell (by leave) introduced

A bill (S. 120) to grant commutation and allowances to naval storekeepers;

which was read the first and second times and referred to the Committee on Naval Affairs.

Mr. Johnson of Missouri submitted the following resolution; which was considered and agreed to:

Resolved, That the Committee on Finance be instructed to inquire into the expediency of allowing each clerk and other employee in the service of the Confederate States, in the city of Richmond, to purchase one ration from the commissary of subsistence.

On motion by Mr. Barnwell.

Ordered, That the Committee on Finance be discharged from the further consideration of the resolution submitted by Mr. Caperton yesterday, inquiring into the expediency of allowing soldiers and citizens of the Confederate States now held as prisoners by the Government of the United States, or who have been recently exchanged, further time for the exchange of Treasury notes of the old issue for notes of the new issue.

On motion by Mr. Barnwell, that the Committee on Finance be discharged from the further consideration of the resolution submitted by Mr. Hill on the 9th instant, inquiring into the expediency of providing by law for the receipt, in payment of taxes and other public dues, of certificates and stated accounts given by the authorized agents of the Government for property and supplies impressed or purchased for the use of the Army and the Government,

On motion by Mr. Barnwell,

Ordered, That the further consideration thereof be postponed until to-morrow.

Mr. Sennnes, from the Committee on Finance, to whom was referred the joint resolution (S. 17) relative to the assessment of the value of the tax in kind, reported

A bill (S. 121) declaring the mode of ascertaining the value of the tithe deliverable to the Government under existing laws; which was read the first and second times and ordered to be placed upon the Calendar and printed.

Mr. Walker, from the Committee on the Judiciary, to whom was referred the bill (S. 97) to prevent illegal impressments and to punish lawlessness, reported it with an amendment.

Ordered, That the bill and amendment be printed.

The Senate resumed, as in Committee of the Whole, the consideration of the bill (S. 85) declaring four per cent bonds and certificates therefor receivable in payment of all taxes due and payable for the year 1864; and no further amendment being proposed, it was reported to the Senate and the amendment made as in Committee of the Whole was concurred in.

Ordered, That the bill be engrossed and read a third time.

The said bill was read the third time and the title was amended.

Resolved, That it pass, and that the title thereof be "An act declaring four per cent bonds and certificates therefor receivable in payment of taxes on incomes and profits and salaries for the year eighteen hundred and sixty-four."

Ordered, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the House of Representatives therein.

The Senate resumed, as in Committee of the Whole, the consideration of the bill (S. 109) to amend an act entitled "An act to increase the efficiency of the Army by the employment of free negroes and slaves in certain capacities," approved February 17, 1864; and

On motion by Mr. Sparrow,

Ordered, That it be recommitted to the Committee on Military Affairs.

The Senate resumed, as in Committee of the Whole, the consideration of the joint resolution (S. 16) defining the position of the Confederate States, and declaring the determination of the Congress and the

people thereof to prosecute the war till their independence is acknowledged; and

On motion by Mr. Haynes,

Ordered, That it be referred to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

On motion by Mr. Haynes,

The Senate adjourned.

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 30, 1864.

OPEN SESSION.

Mr. Baker (by leave) introduced

A bill (S. 122) regulating the compensation of postmasters, special agents, and route agents;

which was read the first and second times and referred to the Committee on Post-Offices and Post-Roads.

On motion by Mr. Graham,

Ordered, That the Hon. William T. Dortch have leave of absence from the sessions of the Senate until Monday, the 12th day of December next.

Mr. Orr, from the Committee on Foreign Relations, who were instructed by a resolution of the Senate "to report the facts, so far as they can be obtained, relative to the lawless seizure and capture of the Confederate steamer Florida, in the Bay of Bahia, Brazil, and what action should be taken by the Government to redress the outrage," submitted a report (No. 5), accompanied by the following resolutions:

Resolved, That the seizure of the Confederate war steamer Florida by the United States steam sloop Wachusett, in the Bay of Bahia, on the seventh of October last, was a flagrant outrage upon the territorial sovereignty of Brazil, violative of the rights of this Government in neutral waters, in disregard of the law of nations, and, therefore, a wrong done to every civilized maritime power.

Resolved, That it was the duty of Brazil, under the law of nations, to protect the property of the Confederate States whilst within its territory against the hostile acts of every power; and having failed to give such protection, that that Government is bound to enforce the restitution, in statu quo, of the steamer Florida by the authorities of the United States to the authorities of the Confederate States, in the Bay of Bahia, where it was unlawfully captured.

Resolved, That the President of the Confederate States be requested to have communicated to all our commissioners abroad a full statement of the illegal seizure and capture of the Florida, together with the opinions of this Government on the outrage; and that said commissioners be instructed to bring the same to the attention of the Governments of Europe in which they respectively reside.

On motion by Mr. Orr,

Ordered, That the resolutions and report be placed upon the Calendar and printed.

Mr. Orr, from the Committee on Foreign Relations, reported

A joint resolution (S. 18) authorizing the appointment of a commissioner to Brazil;

which was read the first and second times and ordered to be placed upon the Calendar.

Mr. Sparrow, from the Committee on Military Affairs, to whom was referred the bill (S. 95) to amend the acts that make a further provision for the public defense, reported it with an amendment.

On motion by Mr. Sparrow,

Ordered, That the bill be transferred to the Secret Legislative Calendar.

The Senate proceeded, as in Committee of the Whole, to the consideration of the bill (S. 84) to construe and declare more explicitly the meaning of an act to increase the compensation of the heads of the several Executive Departments and the Assistant Secretary of War and the Treasury and of the Assistant Attorney-General and the Comptroller of the Treasury and other officers therein named, approved June 14, 1864; and the reported amendment having been agreed to, the bill was reported to the Senate and the amendment was concurred in.

Ordered, That the bill be engrossed and read a third time.

The said bill was read the third time and the title was amended.

Resolved, That it pass, and that the title thereof be "An act to regulate, for a limited period, the compensation of the officers, clerks, and employees of the civil departments of the Government in the city of Richmond."

Ordered, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the House of Representatives therein.

The Senate proceeded, as in Committee of the Whole, to the consideration of the bill (S. 92) to exempt the cargoes of vessels owned by the States of the Confederacy from existing restrictions upon exports and imports; and

On motion by Mr. Barnwell.

Ordered, That the further consideration thereof be postponed until to-morrow.

A message from the House of Representatives, by Mr. Dalton:

Mr. President: The House of Representatives have passed bills of the following titles; in which they request the concurrence of the Senate:

H. R. 190. An act concerning the emoluments and pay of the clerk of the district court of the Confederate States of America for the eastern district of Virginia; and

H. R. 214. An act to define and punish conspiracy against the Confederate States.

And they have passed a resolution providing for a joint committee of the two Houses respecting the exemption of State officers from military service; in which they request the concurrence of the Senate; and they have appointed, as the committee on their part, Messrs. Rives, Lyon, J. M. Smith, Marshall, Boyce, Kenner, Gilmer, Clark, Batson, Keeble, Sexton, Hilton, and Orr.

A message from the President of the Confederate States, by Mr. B. N. Harrison, his Secretary:

Mr. President: The President of the Confederate States, on the 28th instant, approved and signed the following acts:

S. 90. An act to amend the third section of an act entitled "An act to organize forces to serve during the war," approved February 17, 1864; and

S. 91. An act to authorize the Secretary of the Treasury to exchange coupon bonds for 7.30 Treasury notes.

Ordered, That the Secretary inform the House of Representatives thereof.

The Senate proceeded, as in Committee of the Whole, to the consideration of the bill (S. 121) declaring the mode of ascertaining the value of the tithe deliverable to the Government under existing laws; and having been amended on the motion of Mr. Semmes, by inserting after "That," line 1, the words "according to the true construction of existing laws," the bill was reported to the Senate and the amendment was concurred in.

Ordered, That the bill be engrossed and read a third time.

The said bill was read the third time and the title was amended.

Resolved, That it pass, and that the title thereof be "An act declar-

ing the mode of ascertaining the value of the tithe deliverable to the Government under the true construction of existing laws."

Ordered, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the House of Representatives therein.

The bills (H. R. 190, H. R. 214) received this day from the House of Representatives for concurrence were severally read the first and second times and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

The Senate proceeded to consider the resolution of the House of Representatives, providing for a joint committee of the two Houses respecting the exemption of State officers from military service; and

On motion by Mr. Graham,

Ordered, That the further consideration thereof be postponed until to-morrow.

On motion by Mr. Burnett,

Ordered, That L. H. Fitzhugh, Sergeant-at-Arms of the Senate, have leave of absence until Monday next.

The following message was received from the President of the Confederate States, by Mr. B. N. Harrison, his Secretary:

RICHMOND, VA., November 26, 1864.

To the Senate of the Confederate States:

In response to your resolution of the 9th instant, I herewith transmit a communication from the Secretary of War, which conveys the information requested relative to the number of persons exempted or detailed for certain specified purposes, so far as the records of the Department enable him to furnish it.

JEFFERSON DAVIS.

The message was read.

Ordered, That it be referred to the Committee on Military Affairs.

The following message was received from the President of the Confederate States, by Mr. B. N. Harrison, his Secretary:

RICHMOND, VA., November 29, 1864.

To the Senate and House of Representatives:

I herewith transmit for your consideration a communication from the Secretary of the Treasury, covering estimates for additional appropriations required by the Navy Department.

JEFFERSON DAVIS.

The message was read.

Ordered, That it be referred to the Committee on Naval Affairs.

On motion by Mr. Hill,

The Senate resolved into executive session.

The doors having been opened.

On motion by Mr. Maxwell,

The Senate adjourned.

SECRET SESSION.

The Senate proceeded, as in Committee of the Whole, to the consideration of the bill (S. 95) to amend the acts that make a further provision for the public defense.

On the question to agree to the following reported amendment, viz: Strike out all after the enacting clause and insert:

That the President be authorized to receive into the military service such companies, battalions, and regiments composed of persons who are not citizens of the Confederate States, or who have not been subjected to military service by the act of Congress entitled "An act to organize forces to serve during the war," as may have been raised under authority heretofore granted by the Secretary of War.

SEC. 2. That companies, battalions, or regiments thus raised shall be organized as now provided by law, to serve during the war; and the President is hereby authorized to appoint the commissioned officers of such organizations by and with the advice and consent of the Senate.

On motion by Mr. Orr, to amend the amendment by inserting at the end of the first section the words "including the battalion organized by Captain J. H. Brooks,"

It was determined in the affirmative.

The amendment as amended was then agreed to.

No further amendment being made, the bill was reported to the Senate and the amendment was concurred in.

Ordered, That the bill be engrossed and read a third time.

The said bill was read the third time and the title was amended.

Resolved, That it pass, and that the title thereof be "An act to amend the act to organize forces to serve during the war."

Ordered, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the House of Representatives therein.

On motion by Mr. Sparrow,

Ordered, That the Committee on Military Affairs be discharged from the further consideration of the message of the President of the 24th instant, relative to the enlistment into our Army of prisoners of war who have taken the oath of allegiance to the Confederate States.

On motion by Mr. Burnett,

The Senate resolved into open legislative session.

EXECUTIVE SESSION.

The following messages were received from the President of the Confederate States, by Mr. B. N. Harrison, his Secretary:

CONFEDERATE STATES OF AMERICA, EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT,
Richmond, November 26, 1864.

To the Senate of the Confederate States:

Agreeably to the recommendation of the Secretary of War, I nominate George Y. Scott, of Mississippi, to be aid-de-camp, with rank of first lieutenant in the Provisional Army of the Confederate States of America.

JEFFERSON DAVIS.

No. 17.] WAR DEPARTMENT, CONFEDERATE STATES OF AMERICA,
Richmond, November 23, 1864.

SIR: I have the honor to recommend the nomination of George Y. Scott, of Mississippi, to be aid-de-camp, with the rank of first lieutenant, for duty with Brig. Gen. Wirt Adams, Department of Alabama, Mississippi, and East Louisiana (an original vacancy), to date from June 15, 1864.

I am, sir, respectfully, your obedient servant,

JAMES A. SEDDON,
Secretary of War.

To His Excellency JEFFERSON DAVIS,
President, etc.

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT, CONFEDERATE STATES OF AMERICA,
Richmond, November 29, 1864.

To the Senate of the Confederate States:

Agreeably to the recommendation of the Secretary of War, I nominate R. H. Renshaw, of Maryland, to be assistant quartermaster, with rank of captain in the Provisional Army of the Confederate States of America.

JEFFERSON DAVIS.

No. 26.] WAR DEPARTMENT, CONFEDERATE STATES OF AMERICA,
Richmond, November 28, 1864.

SIR: I have the honor to recommend the nomination of R. H. Renshaw, of Maryland, to be assistant quartermaster, with the rank of captain in the Provisional Army

of the Confederate States of America, for duty with medical purveyor's and reserve ambulance trains, Army of Northern Virginia, to rank November 5, 1864.

I am, sir, respectfully, your obedient servant,

JAMES A. SEDDON,
Secretary of War.

To His Excellency JEFFERSON DAVIS,
President, &c.

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT, CONFEDERATE STATES OF AMERICA,
Richmond, November 29, 1864.

To the Senate of the Confederate States:

Agreeably to the recommendation of the Secretary of War, I nominate the officers on the accompanying list to the rank affixed to their names, respectively.

JEFFERSON DAVIS.

No. 24.] WAR DEPARTMENT, CONFEDERATE STATES OF AMERICA,
Richmond, November 28, 1864.

SIR: I have the honor to recommend the following nominations for promotion in the Provisional Army of the Confederate States of America:

Colonel.

Lieut. Col. Peter Snyder, of Arkansas, to be colonel Seventh Arkansas Regiment, vice Colonel Gillespie, deceased, to rank from October 25, 1863.

Lieutenant-colonels.

Maj. Timoleon Smith, of Virginia, to be lieutenant-colonel Fifty-sixth Virginia Regiment, vice Lieutenant-Colonel Green, promoted, to rank from June 13, 1864.

Maj. R. S. Taylor, of Arkansas, to be lieutenant-colonel Third Arkansas Regiment, vice Lieutenant-Colonel Telbs, resigned, to rank from January 19, 1863.

Maj. J. W. Bowles, of Kentucky, to be lieutenant-colonel Second Kentucky Cavalry Regiment, vice Lieutenant-Colonel Hutcheson, killed, to rank from January 24, 1863.

Majors.

Capt. J. B. McPhail, of Virginia, to be major Fifty-sixth Virginia Regiment, vice Major Smith, promoted, to rank from June 13, 1864.

Capt. P. T. Allin, of Tennessee, to be major Twenty-sixth Tennessee Cavalry Battalion, vice Major McDonald, killed, to rank from October 7, 1863.

Capt. T. E. Jamison, of Tennessee, to be major Forty-eighth Tennessee Regiment, vice Major Howard, resigned, to rank from February 18, 1864.

Capt. Niles Nesbitt, of South Carolina, to be major First South Carolina Cavalry Regiment, vice Major Walker, promoted, to rank from September 15, 1864.

Capt. J. R. Moore, of Mississippi, to be major Fifth Mississippi Regiment, vice Major Herring, promoted, to rank from November 10, 1863.

Capt. Rhoads Fisher, of Texas, to be major Sixth Texas Regiment, vice Major Phillips, deceased, to rank from November 2, 1864.

Capt. James B. Moore, of Tennessee, to be major Forty-fifth Tennessee Regiment, vice Major Wadley, deceased, to rank from January 2, 1863.

Capt. S. N. Stowe, of North Carolina, to be major Twenty-eighth North Carolina Regiment, vice Major Speer, promoted, to rank from July 8, 1864.

I am, sir, respectfully, your obedient servant,

JAMES A. SEDDON,
Secretary of War.

To His Excellency JEFFERSON DAVIS,
President, &c.

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT, CONFEDERATE STATES OF AMERICA,
Richmond, November 29, 1864.

To the Senate of the Confederate States:

Agreeably to the recommendation of the Secretary of War, I nominate Robert Berry, of Kentucky, to be assistant commissary, with rank of captain in the Provisional Army of the Confederate States of America.

JEFFERSON DAVIS.

No. 28.]

WAR DEPARTMENT, CONFEDERATE STATES OF AMERICA,
Richmond, November 28, 1864.

SIR: I have the honor to recommend the nomination of Robert Berry, of Kentucky, to be assistant commissary, with rank of captain in the Provisional Army of the Confederate States of America, for duty with Second Kentucky Cavalry Regiment, to rank from November 23, 1864.

I am, sir, respectfully, your obedient servant,

JAMES A. SEDDON,
Secretary of War.

To His Excellency JEFFERSON DAVIS,
President, etc.

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT, CONFEDERATE STATES OF AMERICA,
Richmond, November 29, 1864.

To the Senate of the Confederate States:

Agreeably to the recommendation of the Secretary of War, I nominate the officers on the accompanying list to the rank affixed to their names, respectively.

JEFFERSON DAVIS.

No. 25.]

WAR DEPARTMENT, CONFEDERATE STATES OF AMERICA,
Richmond, November 28, 1864.

SIR: I have the honor to recommend the following nominations for appointment in the Provisional Army of the Confederate States of America:

Aids-de-camp—first lieutenants.

R. T. Lancaster, of Virginia, aid to Brig. Gen. J. C. Vaughn, Department of Western Virginia and East Tennessee (an original vacancy), to rank from November 11, 1864.

William H. Capers, of North Carolina, aid to Brigadier-General Gartrell, Army of Tennessee (an original vacancy), to rank from November 2, 1864.

C. C. Morgan, of Kentucky, aid to Brigadier-General Duke, Department of Western Virginia and East Tennessee (an original vacancy), to rank from November 23, 1864.

R. M. Newman, of Virginia, aid to Brigadier-General Steuart, Army of Northern Virginia, vice Lieutenant Steuart, deceased, to rank from October 27, 1864.

I am, sir, respectfully, your obedient servant,

JAMES A. SEDDON,
Secretary of War.

To His Excellency JEFFERSON DAVIS,
President, etc.

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT, CONFEDERATE STATES OF AMERICA,
Richmond, November 29, 1864.

To the Senate of the Confederate States:

Agreeably to the recommendation of the Secretary of War, I nominate Capt. John A. Bowie, of South Carolina, to be promoted to major, Commissary Department, in the Provisional Army of the Confederate States of America.

JEFFERSON DAVIS.

No. 27.]

WAR DEPARTMENT, CONFEDERATE STATES OF AMERICA,
Richmond, November 28, 1864.

SIR: I have the honor to recommend the nomination of Capt. John A. Bowie, of South Carolina, to be promoted major, Commissary Department, in the Provisional Army of the Confederate States of America, for duty with Gist's brigade, Army of Tennessee, vice Major Dearing, transferred to French's division, to rank from November 4, 1864.

I am, sir, respectfully, your obedient servant,

JAMES A. SEDDON,
Secretary of War.

To His Excellency JEFFERSON DAVIS,
President, etc.

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT, CONFEDERATE STATES OF AMERICA,
Richmond, November 30, 1864.

To the Senate of the Confederate States:

Agreeably to the recommendation of the Secretary of War, I nominate St. Clair Dearing, to be second lieutenant, Corps of Cavalry, in the Army of the Confederate States of America.

JEFFERSON DAVIS.

No. 29.]

WAR DEPARTMENT, CONFEDERATE STATES OF AMERICA,
Richmond, November 28, 1864.

SIR: I have the honor to recommend the nomination of St. Clair Dearing, of Georgia, to be second lieutenant, Corps of Cavalry, in the Army of the Confederate States, to rank from November 16, 1864.

I am, sir, respectfully, your obedient servant,

JAMES A. SEDDON,
Secretary of War.

To His Excellency JEFFERSON DAVIS,
President, etc.

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT, CONFEDERATE STATES OF AMERICA,
Richmond, November 30, 1864.

To the Senate of the Confederate States:

Agreeably to the recommendation of the Secretary of War, I nominate the officers on the accompanying list to the rank affixed to their names, respectively.

JEFFERSON DAVIS.

No. 23.]

WAR DEPARTMENT, CONFEDERATE STATES OF AMERICA,
Richmond, November 28, 1864.

SIR: I have the honor to recommend the following nominations for appointment in the Provisional Army of the Confederate States of America:

Adjutants—first lieutenants.

William Redd, jr., of Georgia, to be adjutant Second Georgia Regiment (an original vacancy), to rank from June 14, 1864.

L. M. Blackford, of Virginia, to be adjutant Twenty-fourth Virginia Regiment, vice Lieutenant Taliaferro, resigned, to rank from October 20, 1864.

John Manly, of Alabama, to be adjutant Fourteenth Alabama Regiment, vice Lieutenant Williamson, resigned, to rank from November 2, 1864.

R. G. Mitchell, of Georgia, to be adjutant Twenty-ninth Georgia Regiment, vice Lieutenant McRee, appointed first lieutenant, Engineer Corps, to rank from September 16, 1864.

W. B. McNemar, of Virginia, to be adjutant Thirty-first Virginia Regiment, vice Lieutenant Hoffman, deceased, to rank from October 29, 1864.

I am, sir, respectfully, your obedient servant,

JAMES A. SEDDON,
Secretary of War.

To His Excellency JEFFERSON DAVIS,
President, etc.

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT, CONFEDERATE STATES OF AMERICA,
Richmond, November 30, 1864.

To the Senate of the Confederate States:

Agreeably to the recommendation of the Secretary of War, I nominate Col. D. M. Du Bose, of Georgia, to be brigadier-general, with temporary rank (under act approved May 31, 1864).

JEFFERSON DAVIS.

No. 30.]

WAR DEPARTMENT, CONFEDERATE STATES OF AMERICA,
Richmond, November 30, 1864.

SIR: I have the honor to recommend the nomination of Col. D. M. Du Bose, of Georgia, to be brigadier-general, with temporary rank (under act approved May 31, 1864), in the Provisional Army of the Confederate States of America, report to Gen. R. E. Lee for assignment to duty, to rank from November 16, 1864.

I am, sir, respectfully, your obedient servant,

JAMES A. SEDDON,
Secretary of War.

To His Excellency JEFFERSON DAVIS,
President, etc.

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT, CONFEDERATE STATES OF AMERICA,
Richmond, November 29, 1864.

To the Senate of the Confederate States:

Agreeably to the recommendation of the Secretary of War, I nominate J. U. Ansley, of Georgia, to be military storekeeper, with pay and allowance of captain of

infantry in the Provisional Army of the Confederate States of America (under act approved June 4, 1864).

JEFFERSON DAVIS.

No. 20.]

WAR DEPARTMENT, CONFEDERATE STATES OF AMERICA,
Richmond, November 23, 1864.

SIR: I have the honor to recommend the nomination of J. U. Ausley, of Georgia, to be a military storekeeper, with pay and allowance of captain of infantry (under act approved June 4, 1864) in the Provisional Army of the Confederate States of America (an original vacancy), to date from November 10, 1864.

I am, sir, respectfully, your obedient servant,

JAMES A. SEDDON,
Secretary of War.

To His Excellency JEFFERSON DAVIS,
President, &c.

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT, CONFEDERATE STATES OF AMERICA,
Richmond, November 26, 1864.

To the Senate of the Confederate States:

Agreeably to the recommendation of the Secretary of War, I nominate the officers on the accompanying list to the rank affixed to their names, respectively.

JEFFERSON DAVIS.

No. 18.]

WAR DEPARTMENT, CONFEDERATE STATES OF AMERICA,
Richmond, November 23, 1864.

SIR: I have the honor to recommend the following nominations for promotion in the Provisional Army of the Confederate States of America:

Colonel.

Maj. S. J. C. Dunlop, of Georgia, to be colonel Forty-sixth Georgia Regiment, vice Colonel Colquitt, deceased, and the lieutenant-colonel found incompetent, to rank from January 19, 1864.

Lieutenant-colonel.

Maj. E. B. Withers, of North Carolina, to be lieutenant-colonel Thirteenth North Carolina Regiment, vice Lieutenant-Colonel Rogers, retired, to rank from October 19, 1864.

Majors.

Capt. W. W. McDaniel, of Georgia, to be major, Cobb's Legion (infantry), vice Major Conyers, killed, to rank from May 12, 1864.

Capt. John S. Norris, of Georgia, to be major, Phillips Legion (infantry), vice Major Hamilton, promoted, to rank from December 31, 1863.

Capt. R. J. Betsill, of South Carolina, to be major Eighteenth South Carolina Regiment, vice Major McArthur, dropped, to rank from October 26, 1864.

I am, sir, respectfully, your obedient servant,

JAMES A. SEDDON,
Secretary of War.

To His Excellency JEFFERSON DAVIS,
President, &c.

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT, CONFEDERATE STATES OF AMERICA,
Richmond, November 26, 1864.

To the Senate of the Confederate States:

Agreeably to the recommendation of the Secretary of War, I nominate R. B. Boylston, of South Carolina, to be member military court, with rank of colonel of cavalry in the Provisional Army of the Confederate States of America.

JEFFERSON DAVIS.

No. 19.]

WAR DEPARTMENT, CONFEDERATE STATES OF AMERICA,
Richmond, November 23, 1864.

SIR: I have the honor to recommend the nomination of R. B. Boylston, of South Carolina, to be member of military court, with rank of colonel of cavalry (for duty

with court, Department of South Carolina, Georgia, and Florida) in the Provisional Army of the Confederate States of America, vice Col. James Simons, declined, to date from November 11, 1864.

I am, sir, respectfully, your obedient servant,

JAMES A. SEDDON,
Secretary of War.

To His Excellency JEFFERSON DAVIS,
President, &c.

The messages were read.

Ordered, That they be referred to the Committee on Military Affairs.

The following message was received from the President of the Confederate States of America, by Mr. B. N. Harrison, his Secretary:

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT, CONFEDERATE STATES OF AMERICA,
Richmond, November 26, 1864.

To the Senate of the Confederate States:

Agreeably to the recommendation of the Secretary of War, I nominate Brig. Gen. A. R. Wright, of Georgia, to be major-general, with temporary rank (under act approved May 31, 1864), in the Provisional Army of the Confederate States of America.

JEFFERSON DAVIS.

No. 21.] WAR DEPARTMENT, CONFEDERATE STATES OF AMERICA,
Richmond, November 26, 1864.

SIR: I have the honor to recommend the nomination of Brig. Gen. A. R. Wright, of Georgia, to be major-general, with temporary rank (under act approved May 31, 1864), in the Provisional Army of the Confederate States of America.

I am, sir, respectfully, your obedient servant,

JAMES A. SEDDON,
Secretary of War.

To His Excellency JEFFERSON DAVIS,
President, &c.

The message was read.

The Senate proceeded to consider the nomination of A. R. Wright, to be major-general; and it was

Resolved, That the Senate advise and consent to the appointment of A. R. Wright, of Georgia, to be a major-general, with temporary rank (under act approved May 31, 1864), agreeably to the nomination of the President.

On motion by Mr. Sparrow,

The Senate resolved into secret legislative session.

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 1, 1864.

OPEN SESSION.

Mr. Walker (by leave) introduced

A bill (S. 123) to regulate the compensation and mileage of members of Congress during the second year of the Second Congress; which was read the first and second times and referred to the Committee on Finance.

Mr. Johnson of Georgia (by leave) introduced

A bill (S. 124) to amend the several acts now of force on the subject of impressments, and to define what is "just compensation;" which was read the first and second times and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

On motion by Mr. Burnett, that the Committee on Claims be discharged from the further consideration of the petition of J. Rodgers and twenty-seven others,

On motion by Mr. Watson,

Ordered, That the further consideration thereof be postponed until to-morrow.

The Senate resumed the consideration of the resolution of the House of Representatives, providing for a joint committee of the two Houses respecting the exemption of State officers from military service; and

On motion by Mr. Graham,

Ordered, That it lie upon the table.

Mr. Hill presented the memorial of James E. Godfrey, naval store-keeper at Savannah, Ga., and the clerks in his office, praying an increase of compensation; which was referred to the Committee on Naval Affairs.

The Senate proceeded, as in Committee of the Whole, to the consideration of the bill (S. 107) to provide supplies for the Army, and to prescribe the mode of making impressments; and

On motion by Mr. Walker,

Ordered; That the further consideration thereof be postponed until Monday next.

The Senate proceeded, as in Committee of the Whole, to the consideration of the bill (S. 97) to prevent illegal impressments and to punish lawlessness; and

On motion by Mr. Hill,

Ordered, That the further consideration thereof be postponed until Monday next.

On motion by Mr. Hill,

The Senate resolved into secret legislative session.

The doors having been opened,

On motion by Mr. Hill,

The Senate adjourned.

SECRET SESSION.

Mr. Hill, from the Committee on the Judiciary, to whom was referred the bill (S. 119) to suspend the privilege of the writ of habeas corpus in certain cases, reported it with amendments.

Ordered, That the bill and amendments be printed in confidence for the use of the Senate.

On motion by Mr. Johnson of Georgia, that the bill (S. 119) last mentioned be transferred to the Open Legislative Calendar,

It was determined in the negative,	{ Yeas	5
	{ Nays	12

On motion by Mr. Orr,

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present,

Those who voted in the affirmative are,

Messrs. Garland, Graham, Johnson of Georgia, Orr, and Walker.

Those who voted in the negative are,

Messrs. Baker, Barnwell, Burnett, Caperton, Hill, Hunter, Johnson of Missouri, Maxwell, Semmes, Sinms, Sparrow, and Watson.

On motion by Mr. Hill,

Ordered, That the Committee on the Judiciary be discharged from

the further consideration of the message of the President of the 10th of November last, in relation to a conspiracy in certain counties of southwestern Virginia, North Carolina, and Tennessee.

On motion by Mr. Sparrow,

The Senate resolved into executive session.

EXECUTIVE SESSION.

The following message was received from the President of the Confederate States, by Mr. B. N. Harrison, his Secretary:

CONFEDERATE STATES OF AMERICA, EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT,
Richmond, November 30, 1864.

To the Senate of the Confederate States:

Agreeably to the recommendation of the Secretary of War, I nominate Col. Benjamin J. Hill, of Tennessee, to be brigadier-general, with temporary rank (under act approved May 31, 1864), in the Provisional Army of the Confederate States of America.

JEFFERSON DAVIS.

No. 31.]

WAR DEPARTMENT, CONFEDERATE STATES OF AMERICA,
Richmond, November 30, 1864.

SIR: I have the honor to recommend the nomination of Col. Benjamin J. Hill, of Tennessee, to be brigadier-general, with temporary rank (under act approved May 31, 1864), in the Provisional Army of the Confederate States of America, to raise troops in Tennessee within the enemy's lines, to rank from confirmation.

I am, sir, respectfully, your obedient servant,

JAMES A. SEDDON,
Secretary of War.

To His Excellency JEFFERSON DAVIS,
President, etc.

The message was read.

The Senate proceeded to consider the nomination of Benjamin J. Hill, of Tennessee, to be brigadier-general; and it was

Resolved, That the Senate advise and consent to the appointment of Benjamin J. Hill, of Tennessee, to be brigadier-general, with temporary rank (under act approved May 31, 1864), to raise troops within the enemy's lines, agreeably to the nomination of the President.

The following messages were received from the President of the Confederate States, by Mr. B. N. Harrison, his Secretary:

CONFEDERATE STATES OF AMERICA, EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT,
Richmond, December 1, 1864.

To the Senate of the Confederate States:

Agreeably to the recommendation of the Secretary of War, I nominate C. B. Denson, of North Carolina, to be second lieutenant Company A, Second Regiment Engineer Troops, in the [Provisional Army of the] Confederate States of America.

JEFFERSON DAVIS.

No. 35.]

WAR DEPARTMENT, CONFEDERATE STATES OF AMERICA,
Richmond, December 1, 1864.

SIR: I have the honor to recommend the nomination of C. B. Denson, of North Carolina, to be second lieutenant Company A, Second Regiment Engineer Troops (an original vacancy), in the Provisional Army of the Confederate States of America, to rank from July 1, 1864.

I am, sir, respectfully, your obedient servant,

JAMES A. SEDDON,
Secretary of War.

To His Excellency JEFFERSON DAVIS,
President, etc.

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT, CONFEDERATE STATES OF AMERICA,

*Richmond, December 1, 1864.**To the Senate of the Confederate States:*

Agreeably to the recommendation of the Secretary of War, I nominate Henry M. Smith, of Virginia, to be captain Company A, Sixty-second Virginia Regiment, in the Provisional Army of the Confederate States of America.

JEFFERSON DAVIS.

No. 32.]

WAR DEPARTMENT, CONFEDERATE STATES OF AMERICA,

Richmond, December 1, 1864.

SIR: I have the honor to recommend the nomination of Henry M. Smith, of Virginia, to be captain Company A, Sixty-second Virginia Regiment, the officers entitled to promotion waiving claims, in the Provisional Army of the Confederate States of America, vice Captain Hall, promoted, to rank from November 25, 1864.

I am, sir, respectfully, your obedient servant,

JAMES A. SEDDON,

Secretary of War.

To His Excellency JEFFERSON DAVIS,

President, etc.

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT, CONFEDERATE STATES OF AMERICA,

*Richmond, December 1, 1864.**To the Senate of the Confederate States:*

Agreeably to the recommendation of the Secretary of War, I nominate the officers on the accompanying list to the rank affixed to their names, respectively.

JEFFERSON DAVIS.

No. 33.]

WAR DEPARTMENT, CONFEDERATE STATES OF AMERICA,

Richmond, December 1, 1864.

SIR: I have the honor to recommend the following nominations for promotion in the Provisional Army of the Confederate States of America:

Colonels.

Lient. Col. W. G. Burt, of South Carolina, to be colonel Twenty-second South Carolina Regiment, vice Colonel Fleming, killed, to rank from July 30, 1864.

Lient. Col. W. S. Devane, of North Carolina, to be colonel Sixty-first North Carolina Regiment, vice Colonel Radcliffe, resigned, to rank from October 11, 1864.

Lieutenant-colonels.

Maj. W. H. Weems, of Georgia, to be lieutenant-colonel Sixty-fourth Georgia Regiment, vice Lieutenant-Colonel Barrow, killed, to rank from February 20, 1864.

Maj. E. Mallett, of North Carolina, to be lieutenant-colonel Sixty-first North Carolina Regiment, vice Lieutenant-Colonel Devane, promoted, to rank from October 11, 1864.

Maj. John D. Lilley, of Virginia, to be lieutenant-colonel Fifty-second Virginia Regiment, vice Lieutenant-Colonel Watkins, deceased, to rank from May 30, 1864.

Maj. Samuel L. Bishop, of Louisiana, to be lieutenant-colonel Twentieth Louisiana Regiment, vice Lieutenant-Colonel Guillet, deceased, to rank from July 7, 1863.

Major.

Capt. C. S. Jenkins, of Georgia, to be major Sixty-fourth Georgia Regiment, vice Major Weems, promoted, to rank from February 20, 1864.

Captain.

First Lient. R. Agar, of Louisiana, to be captain, First Louisiana Regiment Artillery, vice Captain Fowler, dropped, to rank from November 7, 1864.

I am, sir, respectfully, your obedient servant,

JAMES A. SEDDON,

Secretary of War.

To His Excellency JEFFERSON DAVIS,

President, etc.

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT, CONFEDERATE STATES OF AMERICA,
Richmond, December 1, 1864.

To the Senate of the Confederate States:

Agreeably to the recommendation of the Secretary of War, I nominate the officers on the accompanying list to the rank affixed to their names, respectively.

JEFFERSON DAVIS.

No. 34.]

WAR DEPARTMENT, CONFEDERATE STATES OF AMERICA,
Richmond, December 1, 1864.

SIR: I have the honor to recommend the following nominations for appointment in the Provisional Army of the Confederate States of America:

Second lieutenants.

(For distinguished valor and skill.)

Benjamin F. Wofford, of Georgia, to be second lieutenant Company B, Phillips Legion (cavalry), vice Lieutenant McConnell, deceased, to rank from November 18, 1864.

J. F. Johnston, of North Carolina, to be second lieutenant Company C, Ninth North Carolina Regiment (First Cavalry), vice Lieutenant Morrow, promoted, to rank from November 15, 1864.

I am, sir, respectfully, your obedient servant.

JAMES A. SEDDON,
Secretary of War.

To His Excellency JEFFERSON DAVIS,
President, &c.

The messages were severally read.

Ordered, That they be referred to the Committee on Military Affairs.

On motion by Mr. Hill,

The Senate resolved into open legislative session.

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 2, 1864.

OPEN SESSION.

Mr. Garland (by leave) introduced

A bill (S. 125) to amend an act entitled "An act to increase the efficiency of the Army by the employment of free negroes and slaves in certain capacities," approved February 17, 1864; which was read the first and second times and referred to the Committee on Military Affairs.

The President pro tempore laid before the Senate the memorial of adjutants of certain Virginia regiments, praying that the rank of that class of officers may be raised to that of captain of infantry, and that they may be placed in the line of promotion; which was referred to the Committee on Military Affairs.

The Senate proceeded to consider the motion submitted by Mr. Barnwell on the 29th of November, that the Committee on Finance be discharged from the further consideration of the resolution submitted by Mr. Hill on the 9th of November, inquiring into the expediency of providing by law for the receipt, in payment of taxes and other public dues, of certificates and stated accounts given by the authorized agents of the Government for property and supplies impressed or purchased for the use of the Army and the Government; and

The motion was agreed to.

On motion by Mr. Barnwell,

Ordered, That the Committee on Finance be discharged from the further consideration of the resolution submitted by Mr. Garland on the 28th of November, inquiring into the expediency of authorizing and directing money collectors in all localities to take up receipts in the hands of all those producers who have, through ignorance, paid their tax in kind, in good faith, to unauthorized persons, for the use of the Army, and to give credit for such receipt in satisfaction of the money value.

Mr. Barnwell, from the Committee on Finance, to whom was referred the bill (H. R. 189) to amend the laws in relation to the receipt of counterfeit Treasury notes by public officers, reported it with the recommendation that it ought not to pass.

The Senate proceeded, as in Committee of the Whole, to the consideration of the said bill; and no amendment being proposed, it was reported to the Senate.

On the question,

Shall the bill be read a third time?

It was determined in the negative.

So the bill was rejected.

Ordered, That the Secretary inform the House of Representatives thereof.

Mr. Barnwell, from the Committee on Finance, to whom was referred the bill (S. 123) to regulate the compensation and mileage of members of Congress during the second year of the Second Congress, reported it without amendment.

The Senate proceeded, as in Committee of the Whole, to the consideration of the said bill; and no amendment being proposed, it was reported to the Senate.

Ordered, That it be engrossed and read a third time.

The said bill was read the third time.

Resolved, That it pass, and that the title thereof be as aforesaid.

Ordered, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the House of Representatives therein.

Mr. Sparrow, from the Committee on Military Affairs, who were instructed by a resolution of the Senate to inquire into the subject, reported

A bill (S. 126) to authorize the President to furnish supplies to Confederate citizens held as prisoners by the Government of the United States;

which was read the first and second times and ordered to be placed upon the Calendar and printed.

On motion by Mr. Sparrow,

Ordered, That the Committee on Military Affairs be discharged from the further consideration of the resolution submitted by Mr. Baker on the 28th of November, inquiring into the expediency of allowing transportation to officers traveling with leave of absence.

A message from the House of Representatives, by Mr. Dalton:

Mr. President: The House of Representatives have passed a bill (H. R. 238) to increase the salary of the judge of the district court for the eastern district of Virginia for a limited time.

The bill (H. R. 238) last mentioned was read the first and second times and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

The Senate resumed, as in Committee of the Whole, the consideration of the bill (S. 92) to exempt the cargoes of vessels owned by the

States of the Confederacy from existing restrictions upon exports and imports.

Notice having been given by Mr. Orr, Mr. Maxwell, and Mr. Semmes of their intention to move certain amendments to the bill,

On motion by Mr. Hill,

Ordered, That the further consideration thereof be postponed until Monday next, and that the amendments proposed to be offered be printed.

On motion by Mr. Hill,

Ordered, That when the Senate adjourn it be to Monday next.

The Senate proceeded, as in Committee of the Whole, to the consideration of the joint resolution (S. 18) authorizing the appointment of a commissioner to Brazil; and

On motion by Mr. Orr,

Ordered, That the further consideration thereof be postponed until Monday next.

The Senate proceeded to consider the motion submitted by Mr. Burnett on the 1st instant, that the Committee on Claims be discharged from the further consideration of the petition of J. Rodgers and twenty-seven others; and

On motion by Mr. Watson,

Ordered, That the further consideration thereof be postponed until Tuesday next.

On motion by Mr. Watson,

The Senate resumed the consideration of the resolution of the House of Representatives, providing for a joint committee of the two Houses respecting the exemption of State officers from military service; and

On motion by Mr. Semmes,

Ordered, That it be referred to the Committee on Military Affairs.

On motion by Mr. Burnett,

The Senate adjourned.

MONDAY, DECEMBER 5, 1864.

OPEN SESSION.

The Hon. Alexander H. Stephens, Vice-President of the Confederate States and President of the Senate, resumed the chair.

Mr. Watson submitted the following resolution; which was considered and agreed to:

Resolved, That the Secretary prepare and cause to be printed a directory of the members and officers of the Senate.

Mr. Graham submitted the following resolutions; which were severally considered and agreed to:

Resolved, That the Committee on Military Affairs be instructed to inquire whether the daily ration issued to the men of the Army is sufficient; and, if not, whether any legislation is necessary in regard thereto.

Resolved, That the Committee on Finance be instructed to inquire into the expediency of remitting the penalties incurred by the nondelivery of tithes of bacon due on, or prior to, the first of March, eighteen hundred and sixty-four, upon payment of the tithe actually due.

Mr. Barnwell (by leave) introduced

A bill (S. 127) to authorize the issue of duplicates of lost drafts;

which was read the first and second times and referred to the Committee on Finance.

Mr. Orr presented the petition of L. J. Messervy, praying indemnity for a house, outbuildings, and other property destroyed by an explosion of powder and shells while said house was used as a magazine by the Confederate States; which was referred to the Committee on Claims.

Mr. Hunter submitted the following resolution; which was considered and agreed to:

Resolved, That the President of the Confederate States be respectfully requested to inform the Senate whether any and what restrictions have been imposed upon the exercise of the right of the Confederate States, or any of them, to export, on their own account, any of the articles enumerated in the act entitled "An act to impose regulations upon the foreign commerce of the Confederate States to provide for the public defense," approved sixth February, eighteen hundred and sixty-four. Also, whether the regulations made under the first section of said act have caused any diminution in the number of vessels engaged in foreign commerce. Also, whether the said act of Congress, and the regulations made under its authority, have been beneficial, or otherwise, in their effect on the success of our arms, and the supply of means necessary for the public defense. Also, whether experience has suggested the necessity of the repeal of said act of sixth February, or any modifications or amendments of its provisions.

Mr. Caperton presented the memorial of adjutants of regiments of Pickett's division, praying the passage of a law providing for the promotion of adjutants in the Army; which was referred to the Committee on Military Affairs.

Mr. Sparrow, from the Committee on Military Affairs, reported

A bill (S. 128) to amend an act entitled "An act for the establishment and organization of the Army of the Confederate States of America," approved March 6, 1861;

which was read the first and second times and considered as in Committee of the Whole; and no amendment being proposed, it was reported to the Senate.

Ordered, That it be engrossed and read a third time.

The said bill was read the third time.

Resolved, That it pass, and that the title thereof be as aforesaid.

Ordered, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the House of Representatives therein.

On motion by Mr. Baker,

Ordered, That the President appoint, temporarily, two additional members on the Committee on Post-Offices and Post-Roads; and

Mr. Caperton and Mr. Walker were appointed.

A message from the House of Representatives, by Mr. Dalton:

Mr. President: The House of Representatives have passed bills of the following titles; in which they request the concurrence of the Senate:

H. R. 224. An act to punish certain frauds on the Confederate Government, including larceny and embezzlement of property of the Government; and

H. R. 241. An act to fix the salaries of district judges for a limited time.

The Speaker of the House of Representatives having signed an enrolled joint resolution, I am directed to bring it to the Senate for the signature of their President.

The Senate resumed the consideration of the motion submitted by Mr. Sparrow on the 25th of November, that the Committee on Military Affairs be discharged from the further consideration of the resolution submitted by Mr. Orr on the 15th of November, inquiring whether the late order, No. 77, Adjutant and Inspector General's Department, revoking the details of all men between 18 and 45,

requires any modification by legislation to preserve the producing and industrial interests of the country; and

On motion by Mr. Orr,

Ordered, That the further consideration thereof be postponed until Monday next.

The Senate proceeded to consider the resolutions in relation to the seizure of the Confederate war steamer Florida by the United States steam sloop Wachusett, in the Bay of Bahia, Brazil; and

On motion by Mr. Orr,

Ordered, That the further consideration thereof be postponed until to-morrow.

The Senate resumed, as in Committee of the Whole, the consideration of the joint resolution (S. 18) authorizing the appointment of a commissioner to Brazil; and

On motion by Mr. Orr, .

Ordered, That the further consideration thereof be postponed until to-morrow.

The Senate proceeded, as in Committee of the Whole, to the consideration of the bill (S. 126) to authorize the President to furnish supplies to Confederate citizens held as prisoners by the Government of the United States; and

On motion by Mr. Barnwell,

Ordered, That the further consideration thereof be postponed until to-morrow.

The Senate resumed, as in Committee of the Whole, the consideration of the bill (S. 92) to exempt the cargoes of vessels owned by the States of the Confederacy from existing restrictions upon exports and imports; and

On motion by Mr. Graham,

Ordered, That the further consideration thereof be postponed until Wednesday next.

The bills (H. R. 224, H. R. 241) received this day from the House of Representatives for concurrence were severally read the first and second times and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Mr. Maxwell, from the committee, reported that they had examined and found truly enrolled

A joint resolution (H. R. 19) of thanks to Gen. N. B. Forrest and the officers and men of his command.

The President having signed the enrolled joint resolution last reported to have been examined, it was delivered to the Secretary of the Senate and by him forthwith presented to the President of the Confederate States for his approval.

Mr. Brown presented the memorial of W. H. Chase, praying an increase of the pay and allowance of assistant paymasters of the Navy, or the promotion of all such officers who have held their appointment for one year, to full paymasters; which was referred to the Committee on Naval Affairs.

On motion by Mr. Sparrow,

The Senate resolved into executive session.

The doors having been opened,

On motion by Mr. Orr,

The Senate adjourned.

EXECUTIVE SESSION.

Mr. Sparrow, from the Committee on Military Affairs, to whom were referred (on the 30th ultimo) the nominations of Peter Snyder and S. J. C. Dunlop, to be colonels; E. B. Withers, Timoleon Smith, R. S. Taylor, and J. W. Bowles, to be lieutenant-colonels; W. W. McDaniel, John S. Norris, R. J. Betsill, J. B. McPhail, P. T. Allin, T. E. Jamison, Niles Nesbitt, J. R. Moore, Rhoads Fisher, James B. Moore, and S. N. Stowe, to be majors; D. M. Du Bose, to be brigadier-general, with temporary rank (under act approved May 31, 1864), and R. B. Boylston, to be member of military court, with rank of colonel of cavalry, reported, with the recommendation that all of said nominations be confirmed.

The Senate proceeded to consider said report; and in concurrence therewith, it was

Resolved, That the Senate advise and consent to their appointment, agreeably to the nomination of the President.

Mr. Sparrow, from the Committee on Military Affairs, to whom were referred (on the 30th ultimo) the nominations of William Redd, jr., L. M. Blackford, John Manly, R. G. Mitchell, and W. B. McNemar, to be adjutants, with the rank of first lieutenant, reported, with the recommendation that all of said nominations be confirmed.

The Senate proceeded to consider said report; and in concurrence therewith, it was

Resolved, That the Senate advise and consent to their appointment, agreeably to the nomination of the President.

Mr. Sparrow, from the Committee on Military Affairs, to whom were referred (on the 1st instant) the nominations of Henry M. Smith, to be captain; Benjamin F. Wofford and J. F. Johnston, to be second lieutenants (for distinguished valor and skill), reported, with the recommendation that said nominations be confirmed.

The Senate proceeded to consider said report; and in concurrence therewith, it was

Resolved, That the Senate advise and consent to their appointment, agreeably to the nomination of the President.

On motion by Mr. Sparrow,

The Senate resolved into open legislative session.

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 6, 1864.

OPEN SESSION.

Mr. Hill submitted the following motion for consideration:

Ordered, That the vote by which the Senate rejected the bill (H. R. 189) to amend the laws in relation to the receipt of counterfeit Treasury notes by public officers be reconsidered.

Mr. Sparrow, from the Committee on Military Affairs, reported

A bill (S. 129) to provide for the employment of free negroes and slaves to work upon fortifications and perform other labor connected with the defenses of the country; which was read the first and second times and ordered to be placed upon the Calendar and printed.

Mr. Henry, from the Committee on Military Affairs, to whom was referred the resolution of the House of Representatives providing for

a joint committee of the two Houses respecting the exemption of State officers from military service, reported

A joint resolution (S. 19) respecting the exemption of State officers; which was read the first and second times and considered as in Committee of the Whole; and no amendment being proposed, it was reported to the Senate.

Ordered, That it be engrossed and read a third time.

The said resolution was read the third time.

On the question,

Shall the resolution now pass?

It was determined in the negative.

So it was

Resolved, That this resolution do not pass.

The Senate resumed, as in Committee of the Whole, the consideration of the bill (S. 107) to provide supplies for the Army, and to prescribe the mode of making impressments.

On the question to agree to the following reported amendment, viz: After "ordinary," section 2, line 2, insert "agricultural,"

It was determined in the affirmative.

On the question to agree to the following reported amendment, viz: After "impressments," section 7, line 1, insert "of horses, mules, subsistence, and forage for the Army,"

On motion by Mr. Brown, to amend the amendment by inserting after "mules" the words "wagons, harness,"

It was determined in the negative.

The amendment was then agreed to.

On motion by Mr. Sparrow, to amend the bill by striking out the seventh section.

After debate,

On motion by Mr. Orr,

Ordered, That the further consideration of the bill be postponed until to-morrow.

On motion by Mr. Brown,

The Senate resolved into executive session.

The doors having been opened,

The following message was received from the President of the Confederate States, by Mr. B. N. Harrison, his Secretary:

RICHMOND, VA., December 6, 1864.

To the Senate and House of Representatives:

I herewith transmit for your information a communication from the Secretary of War, covering copies of several additional reports of military operations.

JEFFERSON DAVIS.

The message was read.

Ordered, That it be referred to the Committee on Military Affairs.

On motion by Mr. Henry,

Ordered, That the Hon. Landon C. Haynes have leave of absence from the sessions of the Senate until Wednesday, the 21st instant.

On motion by Mr. Graham,

The Senate adjourned.

SECRET SESSION.

The following message was received from the President of the Confederate States, by Mr. B. N. Harrison, his Secretary:

RICHMOND, VA., December 6, 1864.

To the Senate of the Confederate States:

In response to your resolution of the 14th ultimo, adopted in secret session, I herewith transmit a communication from the Secretary of War, which conveys the information desired relative to the rations furnished to prisoners of war.

JEFFERSON DAVIS.

The message was read.

Ordered, That it be referred to the Committee on Military Affairs.

On motion by Mr. Sparrow,

The Senate resolved into open legislative session.

EXECUTIVE SESSION.

The following messages were received from the President of the Confederate States, by Mr. B. N. Harrison, his Secretary:

CONFEDERATE STATES OF AMERICA, EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT,

Richmond, December 3, 1864.

To the Senate of the Confederate States:

Agreeably to the recommendation of the Secretary of War, I nominate the officers on the accompanying list to the grades opposite their names, respectively.

JEFFERSON DAVIS.

No. 41.]

CONFEDERATE STATES OF AMERICA, WAR DEPARTMENT,

Richmond, December 2, 1864.

SIR: I have the honor to recommend the following nominations for appointment in the Provisional Army of the Confederate States of America:

Chaplains.

T. D. Erwin, of South Carolina, for duty at General Hospital No. 3, Goldsboro, N. C., to rank from November 7, 1864.

J. M. Lauck, of Virginia, for duty with Forty-sixth Virginia Battalion Cavalry (an original vacancy), to rank from June 14, 1864.

I am, sir, respectfully, your obedient servant,

JAMES A. SEDDON,

Secretary of War.

To His Excellency JEFFERSON DAVIS,

President, etc.

CONFEDERATE STATES OF AMERICA, EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT,

Richmond, December 3, 1864.

To the Senate of the Confederate States:

Agreeably to the recommendation of the Secretary of War, I nominate the officers on the accompanying list to the grades affixed to their names, respectively.

JEFFERSON DAVIS.

No. 40.]

CONFEDERATE STATES OF AMERICA, WAR DEPARTMENT,

Richmond, December 2, 1864.

SIR: I have the honor to recommend the following nominations for appointment in the Provisional Army of the Confederate States of America:

Adjutants—first lieutenants.

O. E. Finlay, of Mississippi, to be adjutant Eighteenth Mississippi Regiment, vice Lieutenant Goodloe, retired, to rank from September 22, 1864.

O. K. Walker, of Georgia, to be adjutant Thirteenth Georgia Regiment, vice Lieutenant Heard, deceased, to rank from November 8, 1864.

I am, sir, respectfully, your obedient servant,

JAMES A. SEDDON,

Secretary of War.

To His Excellency JEFFERSON DAVIS,

President, etc.

CONFEDERATE STATES OF AMERICA, EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT,
Richmond, December 3, 1864.

To the Senate of the Confederate States:

Agreeably to the recommendation of the Secretary of War, I nominate William H. Jamison, to be second lieutenant, Fifteenth South Carolina Battalion Artillery, in the Provisional Army of the Confederate States of America.

JEFFERSON DAVIS.

No. 39.] CONFEDERATE STATES OF AMERICA, WAR DEPARTMENT,
Richmond, December 2, 1864.

SIR: I have the honor to recommend the nomination of William H. Jamison, of South Carolina, to be second lieutenant, Fifteenth South Carolina Battalion Artillery, in the Provisional Army of the Confederate States of America, vice Lieutenant Lucas, resigned, to rank from November 23, 1864.

I am, sir, respectfully, your obedient servant,

JAMES A. SEDDON,
Secretary of War.

To His Excellency JEFFERSON DAVIS,
President, &c.

CONFEDERATE STATES OF AMERICA, EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT,
Richmond, December 3, 1864.

To the Senate of the Confederate States:

Agreeably to the recommendation of the Secretary of War, I nominate the officers on the accompanying list to the grades affixed to their names, respectively.

JEFFERSON DAVIS.

No. 38.] CONFEDERATE STATES OF AMERICA, WAR DEPARTMENT,
Richmond, December 2, 1864.

SIR: I have the honor to recommend the following nominations for promotion in the Provisional Army of the Confederate States of America:

Colonel.

Lieut. Col. R. S. Chew, of Virginia, to be colonel Thirtieth Virginia Regiment, vice Colonel Harrison, retired, to rank from November 5, 1864.

Lieutenant-colonels.

Maj. J. M. Gouldin, of Virginia, to be lieutenant-colonel Thirtieth Virginia Regiment, vice Lieutenant-Colonel Chew, promoted, to rank from November 5, 1864.

Maj. S. W. Harris, of Georgia, to be lieutenant-colonel Sixth Georgia Regiment, vice Lieutenant-Colonel Arnold, deceased, to rank from July 7, 1864.

Maj. A. F. Boggess, of Tennessee, to be lieutenant-colonel Twenty-sixth Tennessee Regiment, vice Lieutenant-Colonel Saffell, promoted, to rank from October 26, 1863.

Maj. F. S. Lewie, of South Carolina, to be lieutenant-colonel Fifteenth South Carolina Regiment, vice Lieutenant-Colonel Gist, resigned, to rank from January 5, 1864.

Majors.

Capt. R. O. Peatross, of Virginia, to be major Thirtieth Virginia Regiment, vice Major Gouldin, promoted, to rank from November 5, 1864.

Capt. C. P. Partin, of Mississippi, to be major Thirty-sixth Mississippi Regiment, vice Major Yates, deceased, to rank from May 22, 1863.

Capt. W. H. Milton, of Florida, to be major Fifth Florida Battalion, vice Major Scott, promoted, to rank from July 20, 1864.

Capt. J. M. Culpepper, of Georgia, to be major Sixth Georgia Regiment, vice Major Harris, promoted, to rank from July 7, 1864.

Capt. J. W. Swinney, of Mississippi, to be major Thirty-second Mississippi Regiment, vice Major Karr, deceased, to rank from September 27, 1863.

I am, sir, respectfully, your obedient servant,

JAMES A. SEDDON,
Secretary of War.

To His Excellency JEFFERSON DAVIS,
President, &c.

CONFEDERATE STATES OF AMERICA, EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT,
Richmond, December 3, 1864.

To the Senate of the Confederate States:

Agreeably to the recommendation of the Secretary of War, I nominate the officers (for promotion) on the accompanying list to the rank affixed to their names, respectively.

JEFFERSON DAVIS.

No. 36.] CONFEDERATE STATES OF AMERICA, WAR DEPARTMENT,
Richmond, December 1, 1864.

SIR: I have the honor to recommend the following nominations for promotion in the Provisional Army of the Confederate States of America:

ARTILLERY OFFICERS, FOR ORDNANCE DUTY, UNDER ACTS APPROVED APRIL 21, 1862,
 SEPTEMBER 16, 1862, AND JUNE 10, 1864.

First Lieut. S. Schooler, of Virginia, to be captain (an original vacancy), to rank from November 12, 1862.

First Lieut. Jas. Pleasants, of Virginia, to be captain (an original vacancy), to rank from November 12, 1862.

First Lieut. George Duffey, of Virginia, to be captain (an original vacancy), to rank from December 23, 1862.

I am, sir, respectfully, your obedient servant,

JAMES A. SEDDON,
Secretary of War.

To His Excellency JEFFERSON DAVIS,
President, etc.

CONFEDERATE STATES OF AMERICA, EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT,
Richmond, December 3, 1864.

To the Senate of the Confederate States:

Agreeably to the recommendation of the Secretary of War, I nominate Col. J. B. Palmer, of Tennessee, to be brigadier-general, with temporary rank (under act approved May 31, 1864), in the Provisional Army of the Confederate States of America.

JEFFERSON DAVIS.

No. 37.] CONFEDERATE STATES OF AMERICA, WAR DEPARTMENT,
Richmond, December 1, 1864.

SIR: I have the honor to recommend the nomination of Col. J. B. Palmer, of Tennessee, to be brigadier-general, with temporary rank (under act approved May 31, 1864), in the Provisional Army of the Confederate States of America (to command a brigade, Army of Tennessee) vice Brigadier-General Brown, promoted to temporary rank major-general, to date from November 15, 1864.

I am, sir, respectfully, your obedient servant,

JAMES A. SEDDON,
Secretary of War.

To His Excellency JEFFERSON DAVIS,
President, etc.

CONFEDERATE STATES OF AMERICA, EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT,
Richmond, December 3, 1864.

To the Senate of the Confederate States:

Agreeably to the recommendation of the Secretary of War, I nominate Brig. Gen. M. C. Butler, of South Carolina, to be major-general in the Provisional Army of the Confederate States of America, to command Hampton's division, Army of Northern Virginia.

JEFFERSON DAVIS.

No. 42.] CONFEDERATE STATES OF AMERICA, WAR DEPARTMENT,
Richmond, December 3, 1864.

SIR: I have the honor to recommend the nomination of Brig. Gen. M. C. Butler, of South Carolina, to be major-general in the Provisional Army of the Confederate States of America, to command Hampton's division, Army of Northern Virginia, to rank from September 19, 1864.

I am, sir, respectfully, your obedient servant,

JAMES A. SEDDON,
Secretary of War.

To His Excellency JEFFERSON DAVIS,
President, etc.

CONFEDERATE STATES OF AMERICA, EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT,
Richmond, December 3, 1864.

To the Senate of the Confederate States:

Agreeably to the recommendation of the Secretary of War, I nominate Lieut. Robert A. Stiles, to be major of artillery (under act approved January 22, 1862) in the Provisional Army of the Confederate States of America.

JEFFERSON DAVIS.

No. 44.] CONFEDERATE STATES OF AMERICA, WAR DEPARTMENT,
Richmond, December 3, 1864.

SIR: I have the honor to recommend the nomination of Lieut. Robert A. Stiles, of Georgia, to be major of artillery (under act approved January 22, 1862) in the Provisional Army of the Confederate States of America, for duty at Chaffin's Bluff, Department of Richmond, to rank from November 29, 1864.

I am, sir, respectfully, your obedient servant,

JAMES A. SEDDON,
Secretary of War.

To His Excellency JEFFERSON DAVIS,
President, &c.

CONFEDERATE STATES OF AMERICA, EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT,
Richmond, December 3, 1864.

To the Senate of the Confederate States:

Agreeably to the recommendation of the Secretary of War, I nominate L. Q. C. Lamar, of Mississippi, to be member military court, with rank of colonel of cavalry in the Provisional Army of the Confederate States of America.

JEFFERSON DAVIS.

No. 43.] CONFEDERATE STATES OF AMERICA, WAR DEPARTMENT,
Richmond, December 3, 1864.

SIR: I have the honor to recommend the nomination of L. Q. C. Lamar, of Mississippi, to be member of military court (Third Corps, Army of Northern Virginia), with rank of colonel of cavalry in the Provisional Army of the Confederate States of America, vice Colonel Glenn, resigned, to date from December 3, 1864.

I am, sir, respectfully, your obedient servant,

JAMES A. SEDDON,
Secretary of War.

To His Excellency JEFFERSON DAVIS,
President, &c.

CONFEDERATE STATES OF AMERICA, EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT,
Richmond, December 6, 1864.

To the Senate of the Confederate States:

Agreeably to the recommendation of the Secretary of War, I nominate George L. Buist, of South Carolina, to be major of artillery (under act approved January 22, 1862) in the Provisional Army of the Confederate States of America.

JEFFERSON DAVIS.

No. 47.] CONFEDERATE STATES OF AMERICA, WAR DEPARTMENT,
Richmond, December 5, 1864.

SIR: I have the honor to recommend the nomination of George L. Buist, of South Carolina, to be major of artillery (under act approved January 22, 1862) in the Provisional Army of the Confederate States of America, to command battalion of siege artillery, Department of South Carolina, Georgia, and Florida, to rank from November 29, 1864.

I am, sir, respectfully, your obedient servant,

JAMES A. SEDDON,
Secretary of War.

To His Excellency JEFFERSON DAVIS,
President, &c.

CONFEDERATE STATES OF AMERICA, EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT,
Richmond, December 6, 1864.

To the Senate of the Confederate States:

Agreeably to the recommendation of the Secretary of War, I nominate Maj. A. W. Stark, of Virginia, to be promoted to lieutenant-colonel of artillery (under act approved January 22, 1862) in the Provisional Army of the Confederate States of America.

JEFFERSON DAVIS.

No. 48.]

CONFEDERATE STATES OF AMERICA, WAR DEPARTMENT,
Richmond, December 5, 1864.

SIR: I have the honor to recommend the nomination of Maj. A. W. Stark, of Virginia, to be promoted to lieutenant-colonel of artillery (under act approved January 22, 1862) in the Provisional Army of the Confederate States of America, for duty in the Department of Richmond, to rank from November 26, 1864.

I am, sir, respectfully, your obedient servant,

JAMES A. SEDDON,
Secretary of War.

To His Excellency JEFFERSON DAVIS,
President, etc.

The messages were read.

Ordered, That they be referred to the Committee on Military Affairs.

Mr. Sparrow, from the Committee on Military Affairs, to whom were referred (on the 30th ultimo) the nominations of St. Clair Dearing, to be second lieutenant, Corps of Cavalry, in the Army of the Confederate States; George Y. Scott, R. T. Lancaster, and R. M. Newman, to be aids-de-camp, with rank of first lieutenant in the Provisional Army of the Confederate States, reported, with the recommendation that all of said nominations be confirmed.

The Senate proceeded to consider said report; and in concurrence therewith, it was

Resolved, That the Senate advise and consent to their appointment, agreeably to the nomination of the President.

Mr. Sparrow, from the Committee on Military Affairs, to whom were referred (on the 1st instant) the nominations of W. G. Burt and W. S. Devane, to be colonels; W. H. Weems, E. Mallett, John D. Lilley and Samuel L. Bishop, to be lieutenant-colonels; C. S. Jenkins and R. Agar, to be majors in the Provisional Army of the Confederate States of America, reported, with the recommendation that all of said nominations be confirmed.

The Senate proceeded to consider said report; and in concurrence therewith, it was

Resolved, That the Senate advise and consent to their appointment, agreeably to the nomination of the President.

On motion by Mr. Sparrow,

The Senate resolved into secret legislative session.

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 7, 1864.

OPEN SESSION.

On motion by Mr. Garland,

Ordered, That the leave of absence granted to the Hon. Robert W. Johnson, on the 15th of November, be extended to Saturday, the 7th day of January next.

Mr. Baker (by leave) introduced

A bill (S. 130) to authorize newspapers to be mailed to soldiers free of postage;

which was read the first and second times and referred to the Committee on Post-Offices and Post-Roads.

Mr. Semmes presented the memorial of Theophilus Nash, of Louisiana, praying to be allowed to fund, in four per cent bonds, certain Treasury notes of the old issue held by him while a prisoner; which was referred to the Committee on Finance.

Mr. Barnwell, from the Committee on Finance, to whom was referred the bill (S. 127) to authorize the issue of duplicates of lost drafts, reported it with amendments.

The Senate proceeded, as in Committee of the Whole, to the consideration of the said bill; and the reported amendments having been agreed to, the bill was reported to the Senate and the amendments were concurred in.

Ordered, That the bill be engrossed and read a third time.

The said bill was read the third time and the title was amended.

Resolved, That it pass, and that the title thereof be "An act to authorize the issue of duplicates of Treasurer's drafts lost or destroyed after payment."

Ordered, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the House of Representatives therein.

On motion by Mr. Sparrow,

Ordered, That the Committee on Military Affairs be discharged from the further consideration of the resolution submitted by Mr. Henry on the 9th of November, declaring

That it is a sound policy on the part of the Government of the Confederate States to impress, or hire with the consent of the owner, as many negro slaves as the public necessity may require, for any number of years, or during the war, to be employed in all positions in the Army, except as soldiers in the field, upon paying the owners thereof a just compensation; and that it has the constitutional power to do so.

Mr. Brown, from the Committee on Naval Affairs, reported

A bill (S. 131) to regulate the pay of lieutenants in the Navy commanding batteries on shore; which was read the first and second times and considered as in Committee of the Whole; and no amendment being proposed, it was reported to the Senate.

Ordered, That it be engrossed and read a third time.

The said bill was read the third time.

Resolved, That it pass, and that the title thereof be as aforesaid.

Ordered, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the House of Representatives therein.

On motion by Mr. Brown,

Ordered, That the Committee on Naval Affairs be discharged from the further consideration of the resolution submitted by Mr. Maxwell on the 24th of November, inquiring into the expediency of allowing rations to warrant officers of the Navy serving on shore.

Mr. Hill, from the Committee on the Judiciary, to whom was referred the bill (H. R. 190) concerning the emoluments and pay of the clerk of the district court of the Confederate States of America for the eastern district of Virginia, reported it with an amendment.

The Senate proceeded, as in Committee of the Whole, to the consideration of the said bill; and the reported amendment having been agreed to, the bill was reported to the Senate and the amendment was concurred in.

Ordered, That the amendment be engrossed and the bill read a third time.

The said bill as amended was read the third time.

Resolved, That it pass with an amendment.

Ordered, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the House of Representatives in the amendment.

Mr. Hill, from the Committee on the Judiciary, to whom was referred

the bill (H. R. 238) to increase the salary of the judge of the district court for the eastern district of Virginia for a limited time, reported it without amendment.

The Senate proceeded, as in Committee of the Whole, to the consideration of the said bill.

On motion by Mr. Garland, to amend the bill by striking out all after the enacting clause and inserting:

That so much of section two of the act of March sixteenth, eighteen hundred and sixty-one, entitled "An act to establish the judicial courts of the Confederate States of America," as allows the same compensation to the judges of the district courts of the Confederate States that is given to the judges of the highest courts of law and equity in the respective States be, and the same is hereby, repealed; and in lieu of that compensation the judges of such district courts shall receive the annual pay of six thousand dollars, to be paid quarterly: *Provided*, That this act shall only be in force for one year from its passage,

It was determined in the negative.

No further amendment being proposed, the bill was reported to the Senate.

Ordered, That it pass to a third reading.

The said bill was read the third time.

On the question,

Shall the bill now pass?

It was determined in the affirmative,	{ Yeas -----	15
	{ Nays -----	4

On motion by Mr. Garland,

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present, Those who voted in the affirmative are,

Messrs. Baker, Barnwell, Burnett, Caperton, Graham, Henry, Hill, Hunter, Maxwell, Orr, Semmes, Simms, Sparrow, Walker, and Watson.

Those who voted in the negative are,

Messrs. Brown, Garland, Johnson of Georgia, and Johnson of Missouri.

So it was

Resolved, That this bill pass.

Ordered, That the Secretary inform the House of Representatives thereof.

Mr. Hill, from the Committee on the Judiciary, to whom was referred the bill (H. R. 241) to fix the salaries of district judges for a limited time, reported it without amendment.

The Senate proceeded, as in Committee of the Whole, to the consideration of the said bill.

On motion by Mr. Garland, to amend the bill by striking out "five," line 5, and inserting "seven,"

It was determined in the negative.

No further amendment being proposed, the bill was reported to the Senate.

Ordered, That it pass to a third reading.

The said bill was read the third time.

Resolved, That it pass.

Ordered, That the Secretary inform the House of Representatives thereof.

The following message was received from the President of the Confederate States, by Mr. B. N. Harrison, his Secretary:

RICHMOND, VA., December 7, 1864.

To the Senate and House of Representatives:

I herewith transmit for your consideration a communication from the Secretary of War, covering an estimate "of funds needed to meet a deficiency in the appropriation to pay the officers and employees" of the War Department.

JEFFERSON DAVIS.

The message was read.

Ordered, That it be referred to the Committee on Finance.

The following message was received from the President of the Confederate States, by Mr. B. N. Harrison, his Secretary:

RICHMOND, VA., December 7, 1864.

To the Senate and House of Representatives:

I herewith transmit for your consideration a communication from the Secretary of War, covering an estimate "of funds required to meet our treaty obligations to the Indian nations for the period ending June 30, 1865."

JEFFERSON DAVIS.

The message was read.

Ordered, That it be referred to the Committee on Indian Affairs.

The Senate resumed, as in Committee of the Whole, the consideration of the bill (S. 107) to provide supplies for the Army, and to prescribe the mode of making impressments.

The question being on agreeing to the motion submitted by Mr. Sparrow on yesterday, to strike out the seventh section of the bill, Mr. Sparrow, by unanimous consent, modified the same so as to include the fifth, sixth, eighth, and ninth sections; and

After debate,

On motion by Mr. Barnwell,

The Senate resolved into executive session

The doors having been opened,

On motion by Mr. Sparrow,

The Senate adjourned.

EXECUTIVE SESSION.

The following messages were received from the President of the Confederate States, by Mr. B. N. Harrison, his Secretary:

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT, CONFEDERATE STATES OF AMERICA,

Richmond, December 7, 1864.

To the Senate of the Confederate States:

Agreeably to the recommendation of the Secretary of War, I nominate the officers on the accompanying list (for promotion) to the grades affixed to their names, respectively.

JEFFERSON DAVIS.

No. 50.]

WAR DEPARTMENT, CONFEDERATE STATES OF AMERICA,

Richmond, December 6, 1864.

SIR: I have the honor to recommend the following nominations for promotion in the Provisional Army of the Confederate States of America:

Colonels.

Lieut. Col. James D. Waddell, of Georgia, to be colonel Twentieth Georgia Regiment, vice Colonel Jones, killed, to rank from July 2, 1863.

Lieut. Col. R. A. Wayne, of Georgia, to be colonel First Georgia Regiment, (enlisted men), vice Colonel Magill, retired, to rank from September 3, 1864.

Lieutenant-colonels.

Maj. R. A. Wayne, of Georgia, to be lieutenant-colonel First Georgia Regiment, (enlisted men), vice Lieutenant-Colonel Martin dropped, to rank from September 3, 1864.

Maj. M. Grieve, of Georgia, to be lieutenant-colonel First Georgia Regiment, (enlisted men), vice Lieutenant-Colonel Wayne, promoted, to rank from September 3, 1864.

Maj. E. M. Seago, of Georgia, to be lieutenant-colonel Twentieth Georgia Regiment, vice Lieutenant-Colonel Waddell, promoted, to rank from July 2, 1863.

Maj. R. B. Hogan, of Georgia, to be lieutenant-colonel Nineteenth Georgia Regiment, vice Lieutenant-Colonel Mabry, resigned, to rank from September 21, 1864.

Maj. J. J. A. Sharp, of Georgia, to be lieutenant-colonel Twenty-third Georgia Regiment, vice Lieutenant-Colonel Ballenger, promoted, to rank from August 31, 1864.

Majors.

Capt. William Craig, of Georgia, to be major Twentieth Georgia Regiment, vice Major Seago, promoted, to rank from July 2, 1863.

Capt. W. J. Boston, of Georgia, to be major Twenty-third Georgia Regiment, vice Major Sharp, promoted, to rank from August 13, 1864.

Capt. M. Grieve, of Georgia, to be major First Georgia Regiment (enlisted men), vice Major Wayne, promoted, to rank from September 3, 1864.

Capt. A. A. F. Hill, of Georgia, to be major First Georgia Regiment (enlisted men), vice Major Grieve, promoted, to rank from September 3, 1864.

I am, sir, respectfully, your obedient servant,

JAMES A. SEDDON,
Secretary of War.

To His Excellency JEFFERSON DAVIS,
President, &c.

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT, CONFEDERATE STATES OF AMERICA,
Richmond, December 7, 1864.

To the Senate of the Confederate States:

Agreeably to the recommendation of the Secretary of War, I nominate R. M. Du Bose, of South Carolina, to be second lieutenant, First South Carolina Regiment Artillery, in the Provisional Army of the Confederate States of America.

JEFFERSON DAVIS.

No. 51.] WAR DEPARTMENT, CONFEDERATE STATES OF AMERICA,
Richmond, December 6, 1864.

SIR: I have the honor to recommend the nomination of R. M. Du Bose, of South Carolina, to be second lieutenant, First South Carolina Regiment Artillery, in the Provisional Army of the Confederate States of America, vice Lieutenant Colcock, promoted, to rank from November 28, 1864.

I am, sir, respectfully, your obedient servant,

JAMES A. SEDDON,
Secretary of War.

To His Excellency JEFFERSON DAVIS,
President, &c.

The messages were read.

Ordered, That they be referred to the Committee on Military Affairs.

Mr. Sparrow, from the Committee on Military Affairs, to whom were referred (on the 6th instant) the nominations of M. C. Butler, to be major-general; J. B. Palmer, to be brigadier-general, with temporary rank (under act approved May 31, 1864); T. D. Erwin and J. M. Lauck, to be chaplains; O. E. Finlay and O. K. Walker, to be adjutants, with rank of first lieutenants; William H. Jamison, to be second lieutenant, Fifteenth South Carolina Battalion Artillery, and L. Q. C. Lamar, to be member of military court, with rank of colonel of cavalry in the Provisional Army of the Confederate States of America, reported, with the recommendation that all of said nominations be confirmed.

The Senate proceeded to consider said report; and in concurrence therewith, it was

Resolved, That the Senate advise and consent to their appointment, agreeably to the nomination of the President.

On motion by Mr. Sparrow,

The Senate resolved into open legislative session.

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 8, 1864.

OPEN SESSION.

Mr. Orr submitted the following resolution; which was considered and agreed to:

Resolved, That the privilege of the floor of the Senate be extended to General Joseph E. Johnston during his sojourn in the city.

Mr. Orr submitted the following resolution for consideration:

Resolved (the House of Representatives concurring), That the President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of Representatives, on adjourning their respective Houses on Tuesday, the twentieth instant, do adjourn them to meet again on Monday, the tenth [ninth] of January next.

A message from the House of Representatives, by Mr. Dalton:

Mr. President: The House of Representatives have passed a bill (H. R. 261) to amend an act of the Provisional Congress entitled "An act relating to the prepayment of postage in certain cases," approved July 29, 1861; in which they request the concurrence of the Senate.

The President of the Confederate States has notified the House of Representatives that on the 6th instant he approved and signed a joint resolution (H. R. 19) of thanks to Gen. N. B. Forrest and the officers and men of his command.

The Speaker of the House of Representatives having signed two enrolled bills, I am directed to bring them to the Senate for the signature of their President.

Mr. Sparrow, from the Committee on Military Affairs, to whom was referred the bill (S. 106) to repeal in part an act to regulate the destruction of property under military necessity, and to provide for the indemnity thereof, approved March 17, 1862, reported it with an amendment.

Ordered, That the bill and amendment be printed.

Mr. Sparrow, from the Committee on Military Affairs, to whom was referred the bill (S. 109) to amend an act entitled "An act to increase the efficiency of the Army by the employment of free negroes and slaves in certain capacities," approved February 17, 1864, reported it with the recommendation that it ought not to pass.

Mr. Semmes, from the Committee on the Judiciary, to whom was referred the bill (H. R. 224) to punish certain frauds on the Confederate Government, including larceny and embezzlement of property of the Government, reported it without amendment.

Ordered, That it be printed.

Mr. Semmes, from the Committee on the Judiciary, to whom was referred the bill (H. R. 214) to define and punish conspiracy against the Confederate States, reported it with an amendment.

Ordered, That the bill and amendment be printed.

The Senate resumed, as in Committee of the Whole, the consideration of the bill (S. 107) to provide supplies for the Army, and to prescribe the mode of making impressments.

The question being on agreeing to the motion submitted by Mr. Sparrow on the 7th instant, as modified, to strike out the fifth, sixth, seventh, eighth, and ninth sections of the bill,

After debate,

On motion by Mr. Watson,

Ordered, That the bill be recommitted to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Mr. Caperton, from the committee, reported that they had examined and found truly enrolled bills of the following titles:

H. R. 238. An act to increase the salary of the judge of the district court for the eastern district of Virginia for a limited time; and

H. R. 241. An act to fix the salaries of district judges for a limited time.

The President having signed the enrolled bills last reported to have been examined, they were delivered to the Secretary of the Senate and by him forthwith presented to the President of the Confederate States for his approval.

The Senate resumed the consideration of the resolutions in relation to the seizure of the Confederate war steamer Florida by the United States steam sloop Wachusett, in the Bay of Bahia, Brazil; and

The resolutions having been amended, were agreed to as follows:

Resolved by the Senate of the Confederate States of America, That the seizure of the Confederate war steamer Florida by the United States steam sloop Wachusett, in the Bay of Bahia, on the seventh of October last, was a flagrant outrage upon the territorial sovereignty of Brazil, violative of the rights of this Government in neutral waters, in disregard of the law of nations, and, therefore, a wrong done to every civilized maritime power.

Resolved, That it was the duty of Brazil, under the law of nations, to protect the property of the Confederate States whilst within its territory against the hostile acts of every power; and having failed to give such protection, that that Government is bound to enforce the restitution, in statu quo, of the steamer Florida, her officers and crew, by the authorities of the United States to the authorities of the Confederate States, in the Bay of Bahia, where it was unlawfully captured.

Resolved, That the President of the Confederate States be requested to have communicated to all our commissioners abroad a full statement of the illegal seizure and capture of the Florida, together with the opinions of this Government on the outrage; and that said commissioners be instructed to bring the same to the attention of the Governments of Europe in which they respectively reside.

The Senate resumed, as in Committee of the Whole, the consideration of the joint resolution (S. 18) authorizing the appointment of a commissioner to Brazil; and no amendment being proposed, it was reported to the Senate.

Ordered, That it be engrossed and read a third time.

The said resolution was read the third time.

Resolved, That it pass, and that the title thereof be as aforesaid.

Ordered, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the House of Representatives therein.

Mr. Henry submitted the following motion for consideration:

Ordered, That the vote by which the Senate refused to pass the joint resolution (S. 19) respecting the exemption of State officers be reconsidered.

The bill (H. R. 261) received this day from the House of Representatives for concurrence was read the first and second times and referred to the Committee on Post-Offices and Post-Roads.

On motion by Mr. Brown,

The Senate resolved into executive session.

The doors having been opened,
On motion by Mr. Hill,
The Senate adjourned.

EXECUTIVE SESSION.

Mr. Sparrow, from the Committee on Military Affairs, to whom was referred (on the 10th ultimo) the nomination of T. Jeff. Peyton, to be captain in the Adjutant-General's Department, reported, with the recommendation that said nomination be confirmed.

The Senate proceeded to consider said report; and in concurrence therewith, it was

Resolved, That the Senate advise and consent to his appointment, agreeably to the nomination of the President.

Mr. Sparrow, from the Committee on Military Affairs, to whom were referred (on the 21st ultimo) the nominations of A. Young, to be colonel; H. W. Barclay, to be lieutenant-colonel, and Madison Bell, to be major of cavalry; P. L. Henry and Ion Simons, to be second lieutenants; A. P. Mason, to be lieutenant-colonel in the Adjutant-General's Department, reported, with the recommendation that all of said nominations be confirmed.

The Senate proceeded to consider said report; and in concurrence therewith, it was

Resolved, That the Senate advise and consent to their appointment, agreeably to the nomination of the President.

Mr. Sparrow, from the Committee on Military Affairs, to whom were referred (on the 6th instant) the nominations of R. S. Chew, to be colonel; J. M. Gouldin, S. W. Harris, A. F. Boggess, and F. S. Lewie, to be lieutenant-colonels; R. O. Peatross, C. P. Partin, W. H. Milton, J. M. Culpepper, and J. W. Swinney, to be majors of infantry; George L. Buist, to be major of artillery (under act approved January 22, 1862); S. Schooler, James Pleasants, and George Duffey, to be captains of artillery, for ordnance duty (under acts approved April 21 and September 16, 1862, and June 10, 1864), reported, with the recommendation that all of said nominations be confirmed.

The Senate proceeded to consider said report; and in concurrence therewith, it was

Resolved, That the Senate advise and consent to their appointment, agreeably to the nomination of the President.

Mr. Sparrow, from the Committee on Military Affairs, to whom were referred (on the 7th instant) the nominations of James D. Waddell and R. A. Wayne, to be colonels; R. A. Wayne, M. Grieve, E. M. Seago, R. B. Hogan, and J. J. A. Sharp, to be lieutenant-colonels; William Craig, W. J. Boston, M. Grieve, and A. A. F. Hill, to be majors of infantry, and R. M. Du Bose, to be second lieutenant, First South Carolina Regiment Artillery, reported, with the recommendation that all of said nominations be confirmed.

The Senate proceeded to consider said report; and in concurrence therewith, it was

Resolved, That the Senate advise and consent to their appointment, agreeably to the nomination of the President.

Mr. Sparrow, from the Committee on Military Affairs, to whom was referred (on the 18th ultimo) the nomination of P. B. Starke, to be brigadier-general, reported, with the recommendation that said nomination be confirmed.

The Senate proceeded to consider said report; and

On motion by Mr. Sparrow,

Ordered, That the further consideration thereof be postponed until to-morrow.

On motion by Mr. Sparrow,

The Senate resolved into open legislative session.

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 9, 1864.

OPEN SESSION.

A message from the House of Representatives, by Mr. Dalton:

Mr. President: The House of Representatives have agreed to the amendment of the Senate to the bill (H. R. 190) concerning the emoluments and pay of the clerk of the district court of the Confederate States of America for the eastern district of Virginia.

Mr. Walker (by leave) introduced

A bill (S. 132) to regulate the supplies of clothing to midshipmen of the Navy;

which was read the first and second times and referred to the Committee on Naval Affairs.

On motion by Mr. Hunter,

Ordered, That the petition of Lewis Porter be taken from the files of the Senate and referred to the Committee on Claims.

Mr. Hunter submitted the following resolution; which was considered and agreed to:

Resolved, That the Committee on Finance be instructed to inquire into the expediency of amending the law in regard to the authentication of powers of attorney given by officers and soldiers for the collection of claims against the Government of the Confederate States.

On motion by Mr. Barnwell,

Ordered, That the Committee on Finance be discharged from the further consideration of the memorial of Theophilus Nash.

Mr. Baker, from the Committee on Post-Offices and Post-Roads, to whom was referred the bill (S. 122) regulating the compensation of postmasters, special agents, and route agents, reported it without amendment.

Ordered, That it be printed.

The Senate resumed the consideration of the motion submitted by Mr. Burnett on the 1st instant, that the Committee on Claims be discharged from the further consideration of the petition of J. Rodgers and twenty-seven others; and

The motion was agreed to.

So it was

Ordered, That the Committee on Claims be discharged from the further consideration of the petition of J. Rodgers and twenty-seven others.

The Senate resumed, as in Committee of the Whole, the consideration of the bill (S. 126) to authorize the President to furnish supplies to Confederate citizens held as prisoners by the Government of the United States; and

On motion by Mr. Johnson of Missouri, that the further consideration thereof be postponed until to-morrow,

It was determined in the negative.

No amendment being proposed, the bill was reported to the Senate.

Ordered, That it be engrossed and read a third time.

The said bill was read the third time.

On the question,

Shall the bill now pass?

It was determined in the negative,	{ Yeas-----	12
	{ Nays-----	7

The vote having been taken by yeas and nays, conformably to the ninth clause of the ninth section of the first article of the Constitution,

Those who voted in the affirmative are,

Messrs. Baker, Brown, Burnett, Caperton, Garland, Henry, Hill, Maxwell, Semmes, Sparrow, Walker, and Watson.

Those who voted in the negative are,

Messrs. Barnwell, Graham, Hunter, Johnson of Georgia, Johnson of Missouri, Orr, and Simms.

So it was

Resolved, That this bill do not pass, two-thirds of the Senate not voting therefor.

Mr. Orr submitted the following motion for consideration:

Ordered, That the vote by which the Senate refused to pass the bill (S. 126) to authorize the President to furnish supplies to Confederate citizens held as prisoners by the Government of the United States be reconsidered.

The Senate proceeded to consider the motion submitted by Mr. Henry on yesterday, to reconsider the vote by which the Senate refused to pass the joint resolution (S. 19) respecting the exemption of State officers; and

The motion was agreed to.

The Senate resumed the consideration of the said resolution; and

On the question,

Shall the resolution now pass?

It was determined in the affirmative.

So it was

Resolved, That this resolution pass, and that the title thereof be as aforesaid.

Ordered, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the House of Representatives therein.

The Senate proceeded, as in Committee of the Whole, to the consideration of the bill (S. 129) to provide for the employment of free negroes and slaves to work upon fortifications and perform other labor connected with the defenses of the country; and

On motion by Mr. Sparrow,

Ordered, That the further consideration thereof be postponed to and made the special order for Monday next, at half past 12 o'clock.

Mr. Hunter (by leave) introduced

A bill (S. 133) to regulate the impressment of slaves in the State of Virginia;

which was read the first and second times and referred to the Committee on Military Affairs.

Ordered, That the bill be printed.

The Senate resumed, as in Committee of the Whole, the consideration of the bill (S. 109) to amend an act entitled "An act to increase

the efficiency of the Army by the employment of free negroes and slaves in certain capacities," approved February 17, 1864; and

On motion by Mr. Sparrow,

Ordered, That the further consideration thereof be postponed indefinitely.

On motion by Mr. Sparrow,

Ordered, That when the Senate adjourn it be to Monday next.

On motion by Mr. Semmes,

The Senate resolved into secret legislative session.

The doors having been opened,

On motion by Mr. Barnwell,

The Senate adjourned.

SECRET SESSION.

A message from the House of Representatives, by Mr. Dalton:

Mr. President: The House of Representatives have passed a bill (H. R. 267) to suspend the privilege of the writ of habeas corpus in certain cases for a limited time; in which they request the concurrence of the Senate.

The bill (H. R. 267) received this day from the House of Representatives for concurrence was read the first and second times and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Ordered, That it be printed.

On motion by Mr. Barnwell,

The Senate resolved into open legislative session.

MONDAY, DECEMBER 12, 1864.

OPEN SESSION.

Mr. Baker (by leave) introduced

A bill (S. 134) to increase the maximum rates of compensation allowed to railroad companies for the transportation of the mails of the Confederate States; which was read the first and second times and referred to the Committee on Post-Offices and Post-Roads.

Mr. Brown submitted the following resolution; which was considered and agreed to:

Resolved, That the Committee on Finance be instructed to inquire into the expediency and propriety of making a more liberal exemption of the property of soldiers from taxation; and whether property and effects necessary to the support of soldiers' families ought not to be exempted entirely from taxation, and the deficiency thus created in the revenue supplied by an increased tax on the property of those who remain at home.

Mr. Graham submitted the following resolution; which was considered and agreed to:

Resolved, That the Secretary of the Treasury be instructed to inform the Senate what disposition has been made of the machinery, implements, and other appendages of the mint and assay office at Charlotte, North Carolina; and whether, in his opinion, the work of coining and assaying gold and silver may not be resumed thereat without further delay.

Mr. Barnwell, from the Committee on Finance, who had been instructed by a resolution of the Senate to inquire into the subject, reported

A bill (S. 135) to provide for the remission of the penalty for non-delivery of tithes of bacon due in the year 1864; which was read the first and second times and ordered to be placed upon the Calendar.

Mr. Barnwell, from the Committee on Finance, reported

A bill (S. 136) to provide funds to meet a deficiency in the appropriation to pay the officers and employees of the War Department; which was read the first and second times and considered as in Committee of the Whole; and no amendment being proposed, it was reported to the Senate.

Ordered, That it be engrossed and read a third time.

The said bill was read the third time.

Resolved, That it pass, and that the title thereof be as aforesaid.

Ordered, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the House of Representatives therein.

A message from the House of Representatives, by Mr. Dalton:

Mr. President: The House of Representatives have passed bills of the following titles; in which they request the concurrence of the Senate:

H. R. 266. An act to amend post route No. 1649, in the State of Georgia;

H. R. 268. An act for the relief of Sarah A. Heiskell, wife of the Hon. Joseph B. Heiskell, a Representative from the State of Tennessee; and

H. R. 270. An act to provide for the printing ordered by either House of Congress.

The Speaker of the House of Representatives having signed an enrolled bill, I am directed to bring it to the Senate for the signature of their President.

On motion by Mr. Hill,

Ordered, That the Committee on the Judiciary be discharged from the further consideration of the resolution submitted by Mr. Hill on the 25th of November, inquiring into the expediency of reporting a bill increasing the salaries of the judges of the district courts of the Confederate States.

Mr. Garland, from the Committee on Post-Offices and Post-Roads, to whom was referred the bill (S. 130) to authorize newspapers to be mailed to soldiers free of postage, reported it without amendment.

The Senate proceeded, as in Committee of the Whole, to the consideration of the said bill; and no amendment being proposed, it was reported to the Senate.

Ordered, That it be engrossed and read a third time.

The said bill was read the third time.

Resolved, That it pass, and that the title thereof be as aforesaid.

Ordered, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the House of Representatives therein.

The bill (H. R. 270) to provide for the printing ordered by either House of Congress received this day from the House of Representatives for concurrence was read the first and second times and considered as in Committee of the Whole; and no amendment being proposed, it was reported to the Senate.

Ordered, That it pass to a third reading.

The said bill was read the third time.

Resolved, That it pass.

Ordered, That the Secretary inform the House of Representatives thereof.

The residue of the bills received this day from the House of Representatives for concurrence were severally read the first and second times; and

Ordered, That the bill numbered 266 be referred to the Committee on Post-Offices and Post-Roads, and that the bill numbered 268 be referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

The Senate resumed the consideration of the motion submitted by Mr. Sparrow on the 25th of November, that the Committee on Military Affairs be discharged from the further consideration of the resolution submitted by Mr. Orr on the 15th of November, inquiring whether the late order, No. 77, Adjutant and Inspector General's Department, revoking the details of all men between 18 and 45, requires any modification by legislation to preserve the producing and industrial interests of the country; and

The motion was agreed to.

So it was

Ordered, That the Committee on Military Affairs be discharged from the further consideration of the said resolution.

The Senate resumed, as in Committee of the Whole, the consideration of the bill (S. 129) to provide for the employment of free negroes and slaves to work upon fortifications and perform other labor connected with the defenses of the country.

On motion by Mr. Hunter, to amend the bill by inserting at the end of the fourth section the following:

But when the slaves in any locality, or of any person or persons, have been or shall be exempted by the laws or regulations of any State from impressment to labor on the fortifications or other public works of the Confederate States, then the said slaves shall not be impressed for any purpose whatever by the authorities of the Confederate States: *Provided, however*, That nothing herein contained shall be so construed as to exempt any State from furnishing its fair quota of slaves for the purposes herein specified, and according to the provisions of this act,

It was determined in the affirmative.

On motion by Mr. Sparrow, to amend the bill by inserting at the end of the fourth section the following proviso:

Provided further, That in each case care be taken to allow each owner a credit for all male slaves between the ages aforesaid heretofore impressed, or impressed under this act, or hired to the Government, who are still in service, or who may have died or been lost while in service,

It was determined in the affirmative.

On motion by Mr. Garland, to amend the bill by inserting after "district," section 4, line 23, the following:

And in case the laws of the States provide for contributions of slaves to the public service, the Secretary of War and the general commanding the Trans-Mississippi Department shall conform to the rules prescribed in those laws, as far as practicable, for the apportionment of the contribution among the owners of slaves; and if the governors of the States will undertake to fulfill the requisition to be made upon any State, the Secretary of War shall proceed to collect the quota by means of such requisition: *Provided, however*, That if from any cause the contribution be not supplied within the term of thirty days from the date of the same, the Secretary of War may proceed to collect the number unsupplied by impressments, to be made by such Confederate officers or agents as he may appoint for that purpose, having reference in such impressments to the principle of equality before specified, and to securing the industrial pursuits of the community from embarrassment,

It was determined in the negative.

On motion by Mr. Graham, to amend the bill by inserting at the end of the fourth section the following proviso:

Provided further, That all slaves impressed as hereinbefore provided shall be held at labor and service as aforesaid for a term not more than twelve months at any one time, except with the consent of the owner,

It was determined in the affirmative.

No further amendment being made, the bill was reported to the Senate and the amendments were concurred in.

Ordered, That the bill be engrossed and read a third time.

The said bill was read the third time.

Resolved, That it pass, and that the title thereof be as aforesaid.

Ordered, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the House of Representatives therein.

The Senate proceeded to consider the resolution submitted by Mr. Orr on the 8th instant, providing for an adjournment of the two Houses of Congress from Tuesday, the 20th instant, to Monday, the 10th [9th] of January next; and the resolution having been amended so as to read as follows, viz:

Resolved (the House of Representatives concurring), That the President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of Representatives, on adjourning their respective Houses on Saturday, the twenty-fourth instant, do adjourn them to meet again on Tuesday, the twenty-seventh instant,

On the question to agree thereto.

It was determined in the negative.

So the resolution as amended was rejected.

The Senate proceeded, as in Committee of the Whole, to the consideration of the bill (S. 106) to repeal in part an act to regulate the destruction of property, under military necessity, and to provide for the indemnity thereof, approved March 17, 1862; and

On motion by Mr. Walker,

Ordered, That the further consideration thereof be postponed until Monday next.

The Senate proceeded, as in Committee of the Whole, to the consideration of the bill (H. R. 224) to punish certain frauds on the Confederate Government, including larceny and embezzlement of property of the Government; and no amendment being proposed, it was reported to the Senate.

Ordered, That it pass to a third reading.

The said bill was read the third time.

Resolved, That it pass.

Ordered, That the Secretary inform the House of Representatives thereof.

The Senate proceeded, as in Committee of the Whole, to the consideration of the bill (H. R. 214) to define and punish conspiracy against the Confederate States; and

On motion by Mr. Graham,

Ordered, That the further consideration of the bill be postponed until to-morrow.

On motion by Mr. Simms,

Ordered, That the Hon. H. C. Burnett have leave of absence from the sessions of the Senate until Wednesday next.

On motion by Mr. Sparrow,

The Senate resolved into executive session.

The doors having been opened

On motion by Mr. Hill,

The Senate adjourned.

EXECUTIVE SESSION.

The following messages were received from the President of the Confederate States, by Mr. B. N. Harrison, his Secretary:

CONFEDERATE STATES OF AMERICA, EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT,
Richmond, December 10, 1864.

To the Senate of the Confederate States:

Agreeably to the recommendation of the Secretary of War, I nominate the officers on the accompanying list (for promotion) to the grades affixed to their names, respectively.

JEFFERSON DAVIS.

No. 55.] CONFEDERATE STATES OF AMERICA, WAR DEPARTMENT,
Richmond, December 7, 1864.

SIR: I have the honor to recommend the following nominations for promotion in the Provisional Army of the Confederate States of America:

Surgeons.

Asst. Surg. W. A. McPheeters, of Mississippi, to be surgeon, to rank from September 29, 1862.

Asst. Surg. J. S. McDonough, of Tennessee, to be surgeon, to rank from February 10, 1863.

Asst. Surg. C. A. Rice, of Mississippi, to be surgeon, to rank from February 20, 1863.

Asst. Surg. Robert Duncan, of Missouri, to be surgeon, to rank from March 31, 1863.

Asst. Surg. A. A. Lawrance, of Texas, to be surgeon, to rank from May 14, 1863.

Asst. Surg. John M. Lawing, of North Carolina, to be surgeon, to rank from July 31, 1863.

Asst. Surg. W. R. McCreight, of Louisiana, to be surgeon, to rank from August 7, 1863.

Asst. Surg. William S. Fowler, of Texas, to be surgeon, to rank from August 22, 1863.

Asst. Surg. William J. Cocke, of Texas, to be surgeon, to rank from September 7, 1863.

Asst. Surg. J. L. Pressley, of South Carolina, to be surgeon, to rank from October 1, 1863.

Asst. Surg. M. A. Brown, of Missouri, to be surgeon, to rank from November 7, 1863.

Asst. Surg. Junius Terry, of Missouri, to be surgeon, to rank from December 14, 1863.

Asst. Surg. Thomas B. Elkin, of Mississippi, to be surgeon, to rank from March 31, 1864.

Asst. Surg. A. T. Gordon, of Virginia, to be surgeon, to rank from April 9, 1864.

Asst. Surg. Richard Boyd, of Virginia, to be surgeon, to rank from April 9, 1864.

Asst. Surg. Elvis McCrory, of Mississippi, to be surgeon, to rank from April 11, 1864.

Asst. Surg. William H. Dulaney, of Maryland, to be surgeon, to rank from April 11, 1864.

Asst. Surg. Thomas S. Young, of Virginia, to be surgeon, to rank from April 12, 1864.

Asst. Surg. A. S. Murphy, of Alabama, to be surgeon, to rank from April 13, 1864.

Asst. Surg. John De Butts, of Maryland, to be surgeon, to rank from April 15, 1864.

Asst. Surg. Charles Duffy, jr., of North Carolina, to be surgeon, to rank from April 14, 1864.

Asst. Surg. E. W. Thomason, of Louisiana, to be surgeon, to rank from April 15, 1864.

Asst. Surg. W. X. Moseley, of Mississippi, to be surgeon, to rank from April 15, 1864.

Asst. Surg. Calhoun Sams, of South Carolina, to be surgeon, to rank from April 16, 1864.

Asst. Surg. J. C. W. Steger, of Alabama, to be surgeon, to rank from April 18, 1864.

Asst. Surg. Caleb Toxey, of Alabama, to be surgeon, to rank from April 18, 1864.

Asst. Surg. William Toxey, of Alabama, to be surgeon, to rank from April 20, 1864.

- Asst. Surg. John R. Leigh, of Virginia, to be surgeon, to rank from April 29, 1864.
Asst. Surg. William A. Blount, of North Carolina, to be surgeon, to rank from April 30, 1864.
Asst. Surg. Z. T. Murphy, of Alabama, to be surgeon, to rank from April 30, 1864.
Asst. Surg. Lucien Hall, of Virginia, to be surgeon, to rank from April 30, 1864.
Asst. Surg. John H. Gibbs, of Mississippi, to be surgeon, to rank from May 2, 1864.
Asst. Surg. J. W. Leftwich, of Virginia, to be surgeon, to rank from May 4, 1864.
Asst. Surg. James F. Davis, of North Carolina, to be surgeon, to rank from May 9, 1864.
Asst. Surg. C. D. Owens, of North Carolina, to be surgeon, to rank from May 11, 1864.
Asst. Surg. J. P. Humphreys, of Kentucky, to be surgeon, to rank from May 12, 1864.
Asst. Surg. D. W. Booth, of Mississippi, to be surgeon, to rank from May 17, 1864.
Asst. Surg. Jos. Yates, of South Carolina, to be surgeon, to rank from May 18, 1864.
Asst. Surg. H. R. Branham, of Mississippi, to be surgeon, to rank from May 24, 1864.
Asst. Surg. A. Monteiro, of Virginia, to be surgeon, to rank from June 7, 1864.
Asst. Surg. Jos. B. Brock, of Virginia, to be surgeon, to rank from June 14, 1864.
Asst. Surg. M. J. De Rosset, of North Carolina, to be surgeon, to rank from June 23, 1864.
Asst. Surg. C. L. Garnett, of Virginia, to be surgeon, to rank from June 27, 1864.
Asst. Surg. John S. Wilson, of Georgia, to be surgeon, to rank from June 30, 1864.
Asst. Surg. J. C. Abernathy, of Alabama, to be surgeon, to rank from July 13, 1864.
Asst. Surg. James B. Clifton, of North Carolina, to be surgeon, to rank from July 16, 1864.
Asst. Surg. W. McC. Piggott, of Virginia, to be surgeon, to rank from July 16, 1864.
Asst. Surg. H. J. Parramore, of Georgia, to be surgeon, to rank from July 16, 1864.
Asst. Surg. Frank Spencer, of Maryland, to be surgeon, to rank from July 18, 1864.
Asst. Surg. Simon Baruch, of South Carolina, to be surgeon, to rank from July 18, 1864.
Asst. Surg. James J. Knott, of Georgia, to be surgeon, to rank from July 19, 1864.
Asst. Surg. Charles S. Carter, of Virginia, to be surgeon, to rank from July 20, 1864.
Asst. Surg. Isaiah J. Roberts, of Texas, to be surgeon, to rank from July 20, 1864.
Asst. Surg. Nelson G. West, of Virginia, to be surgeon, to rank from July 21, 1864.
Asst. Surg. John S. Stoney, of South Carolina, to be surgeon, to rank from July 22, 1864.
Asst. Surg. W. A. Thompson, of Kentucky, to be surgeon, to rank from July 27, 1864.
Asst. Surg. James S. Herron, of Florida, to be surgeon, to rank from August 13, 1864.
Asst. Surg. J. E. Ferguson, of Virginia, to be surgeon, to rank from August 23, 1864.
Asst. Surg. John T. Jones, of Virginia, to be surgeon, to rank from August 20, 1864.
Asst. Surg. B. C. Harrison, of Virginia, to be surgeon, to rank from August 24, 1864.
Asst. Surg. William M. Swann, of Virginia, to be surgeon, to rank from August 30, 1864.
Asst. Surg. William H. Taylor, of Virginia, to be surgeon, to rank from August 31, 1864.
Asst. Surg. William W. Gaither, of North Carolina, to be surgeon, to rank from September 2, 1864.
Asst. Surg. R. Murloch, of Maryland, to be surgeon, to rank from September 3, 1864.
Asst. Surg. T. B. Wilkerson, of North Carolina, to be surgeon, to rank from September 6, 1864.
Asst. Surg. A. V. Doak, of Mississippi, to be surgeon, to rank from September 14, 1864.
Asst. Surg. Benjamin S. Barnes, of Alabama, to be surgeon, to rank from September 14, 1864.
Asst. Surg. Jos. M. Meggett, of South Carolina, to be surgeon, to rank from September 19, 1864.
Asst. Surg. T. R. Trotter, of Mississippi, to be surgeon, to rank from September 19, 1864.
Asst. Surg. B. St. G. Tucker, of Virginia, to be surgeon, to rank from September 21, 1864.

Asst. Surg. Arthur Brogden, of Maryland, to be surgeon, to rank from September 30, 1864.

I am, sir, respectfully, your obedient servant,

JAMES A. SEDDON,
Secretary of War.

To His Excellency JEFFERSON DAVIS,
President, &c.

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT, CONFEDERATE STATES OF AMERICA,
Richmond, December 10, 1864.

To the Senate of the Confederate States:

Agreeably to the recommendation of the Secretary of War, I nominate the officers on the accompanying list to the grades affixed to their names, respectively.

JEFFERSON DAVIS.

No. 54.] WAR DEPARTMENT, CONFEDERATE STATES OF AMERICA,
Richmond, December 7, 1864.

SIR: I have the honor to recommend the following nominations for appointment in the Provisional Army of the Confederate States of America:

Surgeons.

Thomas C. McNeill, of Tennessee, to rank from September 19, 1863.

Thomas H. Turner, of Arkansas, to rank from September 26, 1863.

William D. Fisher, of Texas, to rank from September 28, 1863.

G. Dowell, of Texas, to rank from September 28, 1863.

C. E. R. King, of Texas, to rank from January 16, 1864.

J. A. Throckmorton, of Texas, to rank from January 16, 1864.

R. G. Turner, of Texas, to rank from January 29, 1864.

William Henderson, of England, to rank from February 5, 1864.

Jasper Butler, of Mississippi, to rank from May 3, 1864.

D. H. Williams, of Alabama, to rank from May 31, 1864.

F. T. Miles, of South Carolina, to rank from April 4, 1864.

C. Ganahl, of Texas, to rank from October 4, 1861.

John G. Pepper, of Tennessee, to rank from December 15, 1862.

G. Holland, of Texas, to rank from December 20, 1862.

J. P. Clopton, of Georgia, to rank from February 17, 1863.

W. J. Goodman, of Texas, to rank from August 7, 1863.

J. T. Turner, of Cherokee Nation, to rank from August 7, 1863.

W. B. Bonsal, of Mississippi, to rank from August 13, 1863.

H. P. Beeton, of Texas, to rank from August 22, 1863.

J. P. Hewey, of Texas, to rank from August 25, 1863.

W. P. Riddell, of Texas, to rank from October 8, 1863.

W. D. Kelley, of Texas, to rank from October 12, 1863.

D. T. Iglehart, of Texas, to rank from December 22, 1863.

S. C. Oliver, of Texas, to rank from February 19, 1864.

W. W. McIver, of Texas, to rank from February 29, 1864.

E. W. Britton, of Texas, to rank from March 3, 1864.

W. Thompson, of Arkansas, to rank from July 7, 1864.

T. S. Means, of Florida, to rank from September 12, 1864.

J. H. Trippé, of Texas, to rank from September 16, 1864.

Assistant surgeons.

A. L. East, of Louisiana, to rank from February 24, 1863.

L. Henley, of Virginia, to rank from September 4, 1863.

E. H. Smith, of Texas, to rank from October 1, 1863.

C. K. Duncan, of Alabama, to rank from December 1, 1863.

John D. Parsons, of Texas, to rank from December 12, 1863.

Thomas C. Foster, of Texas, to rank from January 1, 1863.

A. H. McFall, of Texas, to rank from January 4, 1864.

Thomas J. Haley, of Texas, to rank from January 13, 1864.

J. M. Wellborn, of Arkansas, to rank from January 15, 1864.

J. J. Whitmore, of Arkansas, to rank from January 27, 1864.

J. R. Westbrook, of Tennessee, to rank from February 5, 1864.

William W. Newton, of Arkansas, to rank from March 2, 1864.

E. A. Sheppey, of Louisiana, to rank from March 3, 1864.

Samuel L. Lewis, of Kentucky, to rank from March 10, 1864.
E. Thigpen, of Louisiana, to rank from March 21, 1864.
William Watt, of Texas, to rank from March 24, 1864.
George H. Case, of Louisiana, to rank from March 31, 1864.
E. Lee Wager, of Virginia, to rank from April 1, 1864.
E. Strudwick, of Alabama, to rank from April 1, 1864.
W. G. Lomax, of South Carolina, to rank from April 1, 1864.
J. E. Douthitt, of North Carolina, to rank from April 1, 1864.
James A. Johnston, of Virginia, to rank from April 4, 1864.
William C. Day, of Virginia, to rank from April 4, 1864.
Robert E. Dennis, of South Carolina, to rank from April 5, 1864.
C. W. Trueheart, of Texas, to rank from April 5, 1864.
T. L. Matthews, of Mississippi, to rank from April 6, 1864.
W. H. Robertson, of Tennessee, to rank from April 6, 1864.
M. R. Denman, of Mississippi, to rank from April 7, 1864.
James Long, of South Carolina, to rank from April 9, 1864.
S. D. G. Niles, of Mississippi, to rank from April 14, 1864.
M. L. Goodlett, of South Carolina, to rank from April 14, 1864.
George A. Penny, of South Carolina, to rank from April 15, 1864.
J. W. Strudwick, of Alabama, to rank from April 16, 1864.
E. F. Raymond, of Virginia, to rank from April 18, 1864.
William H. Murray, of Maryland, to rank from April 19, 1864.
James Haley, of Mississippi, to rank from April 20, 1864.
Samuel D. Moses, of Tennessee, to rank from April 21, 1864.
L. W. Smith, of Mississippi, to rank from April 25, 1864.
Henry R. Thorp, of North Carolina, to rank from April 29, 1864.
John C. Harrison, of Virginia, to rank from April 30, 1864.
David P. Jewett, of Kentucky, to rank from May 1, 1864.
James M. Calhoun, of Mississippi, to rank from May 2, 1864.
A. F. Clayton, of Mississippi, to rank from May 3, 1864.
David Curry, of Georgia, to rank from June 7, 1864.
Joseph H. Johnson, of Georgia, to rank from June 8, 1864.
William G. Freeman, of North Carolina, to rank from June 8, 1864.
John G. Lea, of North Carolina, to rank from June 9, 1864.
S. Hubbell, of Texas, to rank from June 9, 1864.
R. B. P. Harris, of Mississippi, to rank from June 11, 1864.
James W. Harrison, of Tennessee, to rank from June 13, 1864.
P. B. Dandridge, of Mississippi, to rank from July 4, 1864.
W. M. Boroughs, of Alabama, to rank from July 5, 1864.
J. W. Clements, of Georgia, to rank from July 9, 1864.
P. H. Brown, of Alabama, to rank from July 11, 1864.
G. G. Osborne, jr., of Alabama, to rank from July 12, 1864.
A. G. Bradley, of Virginia, to rank from July 13, 1864.
R. Y. Dwight, of South Carolina, to rank from July 14, 1864.
G. O. Brosnahan, of Florida, to rank from July 18, 1864.
J. W. Clement, of Alabama, to rank from July 22, 1864.
H. Drennan, of South Carolina, to rank from July 26, 1864.
B. F. Walton, of Tennessee, to rank from July 26, 1864.
E. C. Hughes, of Texas, to rank from July 27, 1864.
William R. Burgess, of South Carolina, to rank from July 27, 1864.
H. M. Pinkhard, of Virginia, to rank from August 2, 1864.
James W. Davis, of Virginia, to rank from August 4, 1864.
J. S. Vallandigham, of Ohio, to rank from August 11, 1864.
Benjamin F. Few, of South Carolina, to rank from August 12, 1864.
William T. Bell, of Virginia, to rank from August 12, 1864.
C. McK. Burkhalter, of South Carolina, to rank from August 12, 1864.
Thomas D. Hall, of Alabama, to rank from August 13, 1864.
L. W. Shepherd, of Alabama, to rank from August 15, 1864.
A. R. Rowzie, of Virginia, to rank from August 15, 1864.
W. H. Dickerson, of Kentucky, to rank from August 16, 1864.
E. L. Bardwell, of Georgia, to rank from August 16, 1864.
W. B. Almon, of Nova Scotia, to rank from August 17, 1864.
J. M. H. Ruff, of South Carolina, to rank from August 20, 1864.
W. H. Bunch, of Tennessee, to rank from August 23, 1864.
J. F. Baggott, of South Carolina, to rank from August 25, 1864.
P. L. Horn, of South Carolina, to rank from August 27, 1864.
Thomas W. Pierce, of Arkansas, to rank from August 29, 1864.
C. M. Lowe, of Tennessee, to rank from January 28, 1863.

J. L. Abrahams, of Alabama, to rank from February 17, 1863.
 J. W. Jackson, of Louisiana, to rank from August 1, 1863.
 J. F. Griffin, of Louisiana, to rank from August 4, 1863.
 H. M. Prothro, of Louisiana, to rank from August 8, 1863.
 M. P. Vernon, of Louisiana, to rank from August 9, 1863.
 W. M. Clements, of Texas, to rank from August 13, 1863.
 G. B. Burton, of Texas, to rank from August 13, 1863.
 O. H. Seeds, of Texas, to rank from August 14, 1863.
 J. R. Percy, of Mississippi, to rank from August 15, 1863.
 W. M. Hamilton, of Texas, to rank from August 25, 1863.
 M. J. Birdsong, of Arkansas, to rank from August 26, 1863.
 H. L. Rugely, of Texas, to rank from October 10, 1863.
 T. M. Blakemore, of Texas, to rank from October 12, 1863.
 R. G. Lane, of Texas, to rank from October 14, 1863.
 G. H. Bailey, of Texas, to rank from October 26, 1863.
 R. C. White, of Texas, to rank from October 31, 1863.
 A. M. Davidson, of Louisiana, to rank from December 3, 1863.
 J. T. Barton, of Texas, to rank from December 10, 1863.
 W. Kennedy, of Missouri, to rank from December 16, 1863.
 J. M. Frazer, of Missouri, to rank from December 17, 1863.
 P. Jordan, of Texas, to rank from December 23, 1863.
 W. R. McMillan, of Texas, to rank from February 2, 1864.
 T. T. Williamson, of Texas, to rank from February 2, 1864.
 E. A. Pye, of Texas, to rank from February 5, 1864.
 B. W. Bristow, of Texas, to rank from February 8, 1864.
 J. A. Blanchard, of Louisiana, to rank from February 11, 1864.
 J. W. Lockhart, of Texas, to rank from February 12, 1864.
 R. C. Watson, of Texas, to rank from February 19, 1864.
 W. J. Moffitt, of Texas, to rank from February 20, 1864.
 E. W. Rogers, of Texas, to rank from February 24, 1864.
 R. Linthicum, of Arkansas, to rank from February 25, 1864.
 G. H. Worsham, of Texas, to rank from March 17, 1864.
 J. T. Earnest, of Tennessee, to rank from April 7, 1864.
 U. J. Thweatt, of Texas, to rank from April 9, 1864.
 H. M. Jones, of Texas, to rank from April 14, 1864.
 W. H. Coker, of Virginia, to rank from May 3, 1864.
 R. M. Bostwick, of Tennessee, to rank from May 5, 1864.
 G. S. Seymour, of Georgia, to rank from May 6, 1864.
 J. Berry, of North Carolina, to rank from May 6, 1864.
 L. H. Tigner, of Georgia, to rank from May 14, 1864.
 W. S. Hancock, of Virginia, to rank from May 24, 1864.
 G. H. Peets, of Mississippi, to rank from June 20, 1863.
 T. S. Wilson, of South Carolina, to rank from July 7, 1864.
 A. E. Wall, of Mississippi, to rank from July 13, 1864.
 R. L. Knox, of Mississippi, to rank from July 14, 1864.
 G. P. Coggeshall, of South Carolina, to rank from July 20, 1864.
 C. B. Stone, of South Carolina, to rank from July 28, 1864.
 S. E. Lewis, of the District of Columbia, to rank from July 29, 1864.
 D. E. Connor, of South Carolina, to rank from September 1, 1864.
 T. Chacheré, of Louisiana, to rank from September 5, 1864.
 W. S. Whaley, jr., of South Carolina, to rank from September 6, 1864.
 W. E. Bondurant, of Mississippi, to rank from September 13, 1864.
 D. P. Lagrone, of South Carolina, to rank from September 14, 1864.
 N. M. Cluck, of Tennessee, to rank from September 16, 1864.
 B. F. Crowell, of Alabama, to rank from September 19, 1864.
 J. S. Pursley, of Georgia, to rank from September 19, 1864.
 J. P. Hamer, of Mississippi, to rank from September 19, 1864.
 C. G. Stovall, of Mississippi, to rank from September 20, 1864.
 J. O'Brien, of North Carolina, to rank from September 23, 1864.
 W. M. Taggart, of South Carolina, to rank from September 26, 1864.
 G. A. Hogg, of Tennessee, to rank from September 26, 1864.
 D. P. January, of Louisiana, to rank from September 27, 1864.
 R. T. Hurt, of Virginia, to rank from September 28, 1864.

I am, sir, respectfully, your obedient servant,

JAMES A. SEDDON,
Secretary of War.

To His Excellency JEFFERSON DAVIS,
President, etc

The messages were read.

Ordered, That they be referred to the Committee on Military Affairs.

On motion by Mr. Hill,

The Senate resolved into open legislative session.

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 13, 1864.

OPEN SESSION.

Mr. Walker presented the memorial of professors in the Confederate States Naval School, praying an increase of rank and pay; which was referred to the Committee on Naval Affairs.

Mr. Maxwell (by leave) introduced

A joint resolution (S. 20) relating to the manufacture of railroad iron and to new lines of railroad; which was read the first and second times and considered as in Committee of the Whole; and

On motion by Mr. Orr,

Ordered, That the further consideration thereof be postponed until to-morrow.

Mr. Semmes (by leave) introduced

A bill (S. 137) to establish the flag of the Confederate States; which was read the first and second times and referred to the Committee on Naval Affairs.

Mr. Watson (by leave) introduced

A bill (S. 138) to provide for the more efficient execution of conscription, and for the arrest of deserters and absentees from the armies; which was read the first and second times and referred to the Committee on Military Affairs.

Mr. Orr presented the memorial of the adjutants of the regiments of Field's division, praying that they may be promoted to the rank of captains and placed in the line of promotion; which was referred to the Committee on Military Affairs.

Mr. Orr, from the Committee on Foreign Relations, to whom was referred the joint resolution (S. 16) defining the position of the Confederate States, and declaring the determination of the Congress and the people thereof to prosecute the war till their independence is acknowledged, reported it with an amendment.

The Senate proceeded, as in Committee of the Whole, to the consideration of the said resolution; and the reported amendment having been agreed to, the resolution was reported to the Senate and the amendment was concurred in.

Ordered, That the resolution be engrossed and read a third time.

The said resolution was read the third time.

On the question,

Shall the resolution now pass?

It was determined in the affirmative,	{ Yeas.....	16
	{ Nays.....	0

On motion by Mr. Brown,

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present, Those who voted in the affirmative are,

Messrs. Baker, Barnwell, Brown, Caperton, Garland, Graham, Henry, Hunter, Johnson of Georgia, Johnson of Missouri, Maxwell, Orr, Semmes, Sparrow, Walker, and Watson.

So it was

Resolved, That this resolution pass, and that the title thereof be as aforesaid.

Ordered, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the House of Representatives therein.

Mr. Brown, from the Committee on Naval Affairs, to whom was referred the bill (S. 132) to regulate the supplies of clothing to midshipmen of the Navy, reported it without amendment.

Mr. Semmes, from the Committee on the Judiciary, to whom was referred the bill (H. R. 268) for the relief of Sarah A. Heiskell, wife of the Hon. Joseph B. Heiskell, a Representative from the State of Tennessee, reported it without amendment.

The Senate proceeded, as in Committee of the Whole, to the consideration of the said bill; and no amendment being proposed, it was reported to the Senate.

Ordered, That it pass to a third reading.

The said bill was read the third time.

Resolved, That it pass.

Ordered, That the Secretary inform the House of Representatives thereof.

Mr. Caperton, from the committee, reported that they had examined and found truly enrolled

A bill (H. R. 190) concerning the emoluments and pay of the clerk of the district court of the Confederate States of America for the eastern district of Virginia.

The President pro tempore having signed the enrolled bill last reported to have been examined, it was delivered to the Secretary of the Senate and by him forthwith presented to the President of the Confederate States for his approval.

On motion by Mr. Graham, the vote by which the Senate refused to pass, as amended, the resolution submitted by Mr. Orr on the 8th instant, providing for an adjournment of the two Houses of Congress from Saturday, the 24th instant, to Tuesday, the 27th instant, was reconsidered.

The Senate resumed the consideration of the said resolution; and having been amended, it was agreed to as follows:

Resolved (the House of Representatives concurring), That the President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of Representatives, on adjourning their respective Houses on Saturday, the twenty-fourth instant, do adjourn them to meet again on Monday, the second day of January next.

Ordered, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the House of Representatives therein.

On motion by Mr. Walker, the vote on passing the bill (S. 129) to provide for the employment of free negroes and slaves to work upon fortifications and perform other labor connected with the defenses of the country was reconsidered.

On motion by Mr. Walker, the vote by which the bill was ordered to its engrossment and third reading was also reconsidered.

The Senate resumed, as in Committee of the Whole, the consideration of the said bill.

On motion by Mr. Walker, to reconsider the vote on agreeing to the following amendment proposed to the bill by Mr. Graham, to wit: At the end of the fourth section insert the following proviso:

Provided further, That all slaves impressed as hereinbefore provided shall be held at labor and service as aforesaid for a term not more than twelve months at any one time, except with the consent of the owner,

It was determined in the affirmative.

The Senate resumed the consideration of the said amendment; and
On the question to agree thereto,

It was determined in the negative.

On motion by Mr. Watson, to amend the bill by inserting at the end of the fourth section the following proviso, viz:

Provided further, That if the governor of any State shall certify to the Secretary of War or the commanding general of the Trans-Mississippi Department, that slaves can not be impressed in any locality, county, district, parish, or city in said State without great detriment to said locality, county, district, parish, or city, then the quota of such locality, county, district, parish, or city shall be impressed from other portions of such State,

It was determined in the affirmative.

The bill having been further amended on the motion of Mr. Sparrow, it was reported to the Senate and the amendments were concurred in.

Ordered, That the bill be engrossed and read a third time.

The said bill was read the third time.

Resolved, That it pass, and that the title thereof be as aforesaid.

Ordered, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the House of Representatives therein.

The Senate proceeded, as in Committee of the Whole, to the consideration of the bill (S. 122) regulating the compensation of postmasters, special agents, and route agents; and

On motion by Mr. Baker,

Ordered, That the further consideration thereof be postponed until to-morrow.

The Senate resumed, as in Committee of the Whole, the consideration of the bill (H. R. 214) to define and punish conspiracy against the Confederate States; and

On motion by Mr. Johnson of Georgia,

Ordered, That the further consideration thereof be postponed until to-morrow.

The Senate proceeded, as in Committee of the Whole, to the consideration of the bill (S. 135) to provide for the remission of the penalty for nondelivery of tithes of bacon due in the year 1864; and no amendment being proposed, it was reported to the Senate.

Ordered, That it be engrossed and read a third time.

The said bill was read the third time.

Resolved, That it pass, and that the title thereof be as aforesaid.

Ordered, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the House of Representatives therein.

On motion by Mr. Sparrow,

The Senate resolved into secret legislative session.

The doors having been opened,

On motion by Mr. Sparrow,

The Senate adjourned.

SECRET SESSION.

On motion by Mr. Sparrow,

Ordered, That the Committee on Military Affairs be discharged from the further consideration of the message of the President of the Con-

federate States of the 6th instant, relative to the rations furnished to prisoners of war.

On motion by Mr. Orr,

The Senate resolved into open legislative session.

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 14, 1864.

OPEN SESSION.

A message from the House of Representatives, by Mr. Dalton:

Mr. President: The House of Representatives have passed a bill (H. R. 243) to regulate the pay and mileage of members, and the compensation of officers of the Senate and House of Representatives; in which they request the concurrence of the Senate.

The President of the Confederate States has notified the House of Representatives that on the 9th instant he approved and signed an act (H. R. 238) to increase the salary of the judge of the district court for the eastern district of Virginia for a limited time; and that on the 10th instant he approved and signed an act (H. R. 241) to fix the salaries of district judges for a limited time.

The Speaker of the House of Representatives having signed an enrolled bill, I am directed to bring it to the Senate for the signature of their President.

Mr. Walker (by leave) introduced the following bills; which were severally read the first and second times and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary:

S. 139. Bill to provide for the compensation of persons whose slaves have been lost while in the service of the Confederate States; and

S. 140. Bill to guard against the improper constructions of the tax laws by the officers charged with the execution of the same.

On motion by Mr. Hill,

Ordered, That John Wadsworth, assistant doorkeeper of the Senate, have leave of absence until Monday, the 16th day of January next.

Mr. Sparrow, from the Committee on Military Affairs, to whom was referred the bill (S. 133) to regulate the impressment of slaves in the State of Virginia, reported it with the recommendation that it ought not to pass.

The Senate proceeded, as in Committee of the Whole, to the consideration of the said bill; and

On motion by Mr. Sparrow,

Ordered, That the further consideration thereof be postponed indefinitely.

Mr. Baker, from the Committee on Post-Offices and Post-Roads, to whom was referred the bill (H. R. 266) to amend post route No. 1649, in the State of Georgia, reported it without amendment.

The Senate proceeded, as in Committee of the Whole, to the consideration of the said bill; and

An amendment having been proposed to the bill by Mr. Hill,

After debate,

On motion by Mr. Orr,

Ordered, That the bill and amendment lie upon the table.

Mr. Baker, from the Committee on Post-Offices and Post-Roads, to whom was referred the bill (S. 134) to increase the maximum rates of compensation allowed to railroad companies for the transportation of the mails of the Confederate States, reported it without amendment.

The Senate proceeded, as in Committee of the Whole, to the consideration of the said bill; and

On motion by Mr. Hill,

Ordered, That the further consideration thereof be postponed until to-morrow, and that it be printed.

Mr. Brown submitted the following resolution; which was considered and agreed to:

Resolved, That the Committee on Finance be instructed to inquire into the expediency and propriety of extending to nonresident taxpayers in counties and districts of country now, or which may hereafter be, in the vicinity of the enemy, a longer time than is now allowed by law for the payment of taxes; and whether it will not be proper to allow taxpayers, in all cases where they can not with safety, on account of the proximity of the enemy, visit the counties where they have taxable property for the purpose of paying the taxes, to pay the same to the chief collector of the State.

The bill (H. R. 243) received this day from the House of Representatives for concurrence was read the first and second times and referred to the Committee on Finance.

The Senate resumed, as in Committee of the Whole, the consideration of the joint resolution (S. 20) relating to the manufacture of railroad iron and to new lines of railroad; and

On motion by Mr. Barnwell, that it be referred to the Committee on Military Affairs,

It was determined in the negative.

No amendment being proposed, the resolution was reported to the Senate.

Ordered, That it be engrossed and read a third time.

The said resolution was read the third time.

Resolved, That it pass, and that the title thereof be as aforesaid.

Ordered, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the House of Representatives therein.

Mr. Caperton, from the committee, reported that they had examined and found truly enrolled

A bill (H. R. 270) to provide for the printing ordered by either House of Congress.

The President pro tempore having signed the enrolled bill last reported to have been examined, it was delivered to the Secretary of the Senate and by him forthwith presented to the President of the Confederate States for his approval.

The following message was received from the President of the Confederate States, by Mr. B. N. Harrison, his Secretary:

RICHMOND, VA., December 12, 1864.

To the Senate and House of Representatives:

I herewith transmit for your consideration a communication from the Secretary of the Treasury, showing the additional amount necessary to be appropriated to meet the estimated expenses of the Department of Justice for the half year ending June 30, 1865.

JEFFERSON DAVIS.

The message was read.

Ordered, That it be referred to the Committee on Finance.

The Senate resumed, as in Committee of the Whole, the consideration of the bill (S. 132) to regulate the supplies of clothing to midshipmen of the Navy.

On motion by Mr. Brown, to amend the bill by inserting before "midshipmen," line 4, the words "passed midshipman and,"

It was determined in the affirmative.

On motion by Mr. Sparrow,

Ordered, That the further consideration of the bill be postponed until to-morrow.

The Senate resumed, as in Committee of the Whole, the consideration of the bill (H. R. 214) to define and punish conspiracy against the Confederate States; and

After debate,

On motion by Mr. Hunter,

The Senate resolved into executive session.

The doors having been opened,

On motion by Mr. Hunter,

The Senate adjourned.

EXECUTIVE SESSION.

The following messages were received from the President of the Confederate States, by Mr. B. N. Harrison, his Secretary:

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT, CONFEDERATE STATES OF AMERICA,
Richmond, December 13, 1864.

To the Senate of the Confederate States:

Agreeably to the recommendation of the Secretary of War, I nominate Maj. Gen. S. D. Lee, of South Carolina, to be lieutenant-general (under act approved February 17, 1864) in the Provisional Army of the Confederate States of America.

JEFFERSON DAVIS.

No. 58.] WAR DEPARTMENT, CONFEDERATE STATES OF AMERICA,
Richmond, December 9, 1864.

SIR: I have the honor to recommend the nomination of Maj. Gen. S. D. Lee, of South Carolina, to be lieutenant-general (under act approved February 17, 1864) in the Provisional Army of the Confederate States of America, to rank from June 23, 1864.

I am, sir, respectfully, your obedient servant,

JAMES A. SEDDON,
Secretary of War.

To His Excellency JEFFERSON DAVIS,
President, &c.

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT, CONFEDERATE STATES OF AMERICA,
Richmond, December 13, 1864.

To the Senate of the Confederate States:

Agreeably to the recommendation of the Secretary of War, I nominate the officers on the accompanying list to the grades affixed to their names, respectively.

JEFFERSON DAVIS.

No. 59.] WAR DEPARTMENT, CONFEDERATE STATES OF AMERICA,
Richmond, December 9, 1864.

SIR: I have the honor to recommend the following nominations for appointment in the Provisional Army of the Confederate States of America (under acts approved March 6, 1861, and September 18, 1862):

Lieutenant-general.

Maj. Gen. S. B. Buckner, of Kentucky, to rank from September 20, 1864.

Major-general.

Brig. Gen. J. L. Kemper, of Virginia, to rank from September 19, 1864.

Brigadier-generals.

Col. Phil. Cook, of Georgia, to rank from August 5, 1864.

Col. W. L. Brandon, of Mississippi, to rank from June 18, 1864.

Col. L. J. Gartrell, of Georgia, to rank from August 22, 1864.

Col. Basil W. Duke, of Kentucky, to rank from September 15, 1864.

Col. P. T. Moore, of Virginia, to rank from September 20, 1864.

Col. E. G. Lee, of Virginia, to rank from September 20, 1864.

Col. D. A. Weisiger, of Virginia, to rank from July 30, 1864.

I am, sir, respectfully, your obedient servant,

JAMES A. SEDDON,
Secretary of War.

To His Excellency JEFFERSON DAVIS,
President, etc.

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT, CONFEDERATE STATES OF AMERICA,
Richmond, December 13, 1864.

To the Senate of the Confederate States:

Agreeably to the recommendation of the Secretary of War, I nominate Col. J. P. Simms, of Georgia, to be brigadier-general in the Provisional Army of the Confederate States of America.

JEFFERSON DAVIS.

No. 63.] WAR DEPARTMENT, CONFEDERATE STATES OF AMERICA,
Richmond, December 10, 1864.

SIR: I have the honor to recommend the nomination of Col. J. P. Simms, of Georgia, to be brigadier-general in the Provisional Army of the Confederate States of America, to command brigade, Army of Northern Virginia, vice Brigadier-General Bryan, resigned, to rank from December 8, 1864.

I am, sir, respectfully, your obedient servant,

JAMES A. SEDDON,
Secretary of War.

To His Excellency JEFFERSON DAVIS,
President, etc.

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT, CONFEDERATE STATES OF AMERICA,
Richmond, December 13, 1864.

To the Senate of the Confederate States:

Agreeably to the recommendation of the Secretary of War, I nominate the officers on the accompanying list to the grades affixed to their names, respectively.

JEFFERSON DAVIS.

No. 60.] WAR DEPARTMENT, CONFEDERATE STATES OF AMERICA,
Richmond, December 9, 1864.

SIR: I have the honor to recommend the following nominations for appointment in the Provisional Army of the Confederate States of America:

GENERAL OFFICERS, UNDER ACT APPROVED OCTOBER 13, 1862.

Major-general.

Brig. Gen. William Mahone, of Virginia, to rank from July 30, 1864.

Brigadier-generals.

Col. G. B. Hodge, of Kentucky, to rank from August 2, 1864.

Col. W. H. Stevens, of Texas, to rank from August 28, 1864.

Col. William MacRae, of North Carolina, to rank from November 4, 1864.

Col. W. H. Payne, of Virginia, to rank from November 1, 1864.

I am, sir, respectfully, your obedient servant,

JAMES A. SEDDON,
Secretary of War.

To His Excellency JEFFERSON DAVIS,
President, etc.

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT, CONFEDERATE STATES OF AMERICA,
Richmond, December 13, 1864.

To the Senate of the Confederate States:

Agreeably to the recommendation of the Secretary of War, I nominate Col. William M. Browne, of Georgia, to be brigadier-general, with temporary rank (under act approved May 31, 1864), in the Provisional Army of the Confederate States of America.

JEFFERSON DAVIS.

No. 69.]

WAR DEPARTMENT, CONFEDERATE STATES OF AMERICA,
Richmond, December 12, 1864.

SIR: I have the honor to recommend the nomination of Col. William M. Browne, of Georgia, to be brigadier-general (under act approved May 31, 1864), with temporary rank, in the Provisional Army of the Confederate States of America, to command brigade of local troops in Georgia, to rank from November 11, 1864.

I am, sir, respectfully, your obedient servant,

JAMES A. SEDDON,
Secretary of War.

To His Excellency JEFFERSON DAVIS,
President, etc.

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT, CONFEDERATE STATES OF AMERICA,
Richmond, December 13, 1864.

To the Senate of the Confederate States:

Agreeably to the recommendation of the Secretary of War, I nominate Col. Robert Bullock, of Florida, to be brigadier-general, with temporary rank (under act approved May 31, 1864), in the Provisional Army of the Confederate States of America.

JEFFERSON DAVIS.

No. 64.]

WAR DEPARTMENT, CONFEDERATE STATES OF AMERICA,
Richmond, December 10, 1864.

SIR: I have the honor to recommend the nomination of Col. Robert Bullock, of Florida, to be brigadier-general, with temporary rank (under act approved May 31, 1864), in the Provisional Army of the Confederate States of America, to command brigade, Army of Tennessee, vice Brigadier-General Finley, disabled, to rank from November 29, 1864.

I am, sir, respectfully, your obedient servant,

JAMES A. SEDDON,
Secretary of War.

To His Excellency JEFFERSON DAVIS,
President, etc.

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT, CONFEDERATE STATES OF AMERICA,
Richmond, December 13, 1864.

To the Senate of the Confederate States:

Agreeably to the recommendation of the Secretary of War, I nominate the officers on the accompanying list to the grades affixed to their names, respectively.

JEFFERSON DAVIS.

No. 57.]

WAR DEPARTMENT, CONFEDERATE STATES OF AMERICA,
Richmond, December 8, 1864.

SIR: I have the honor to recommend the following nominations for appointment in the Provisional Army of the Confederate States of America:

Adjutants—first lieutenants.

Percy Roberts, of Mississippi, to be adjutant Third Regiment Engineer Troops (an original vacancy), to rank from June 15, 1862.

S. McCormick, of South Carolina, to be adjutant First South Carolina Regiment (enlisted men), (an original vacancy), to rank from June 17, 1864.

M. Myers, of Texas, to be adjutant Second Creek Regiment (an original vacancy), to rank from June 15, 1864.

H. N. Browne, of South Carolina, to be adjutant Twenty-third South Carolina Regiment, vice Lieutenant Richardson, promoted, to rank from June 17, 1864.

Wythe B. Graham, of Virginia, to be adjutant Eighth Virginia Cavalry Regiment, vice Lieutenant Bailey, dropped, to rank from June 20, 1864.

Sebron G. Sneed, of Texas, to be adjutant Sixth Texas Regiment, vice Lieutenant Garland, deceased, to rank from June 18, 1864.

Thomas T. Greene, of Alabama, to be adjutant Sixty-first Alabama Regiment, vice Lieutenant Pollard, relieved, to rank from June 15, 1864.

J. N. Hays, of Arkansas, to be adjutant First Choctaw and Chickasaw Regiment (an original vacancy), to rank from June 15, 1864.

Rufus R. Jones, of Texas, to be adjutant Fourteenth Texas Regiment (an original vacancy), to rank from June 15, 1864.

John L. Stephens, of Alabama, to be adjutant Forty-third Alabama Regiment, vice Lieutenant Henley, resigned, to rank from June 15, 1864.

Joseph Hunter, of Missouri, to be adjutant Eighth Missouri Cavalry Regiment, vice Lieutenant Allen, killed, to rank from July 6, 1864.

Ed. F. Clayton, of Georgia, to be adjutant Twelfth Georgia Battalion Artillery, vice Lieutenant Baker, killed, to rank from July 19, 1864.

J. A. M. Fonte, of Tennessee, to be adjutant Twenty-sixth Tennessee Regiment, vice Lieutenant Hickey, declined, to rank from July 18, 1864.

T. C. Moore, of Georgia, to be adjutant Fourteenth Georgia Regiment, vice Lieutenant Taliaferro, retired, to rank from July 16, 1864.

John M. Shuford, of Mississippi, to be adjutant Seventeenth Mississippi Regiment, vice Lieutenant Jones, killed, to rank from July 18, 1864.

John Oliver, of Mississippi, to be adjutant Sixth Mississippi Cavalry Regiment (an original vacancy), to rank from July 15, 1864.

R. D. Murphy, of Virginia, to be adjutant First Virginia Cavalry Regiment, vice Lieutenant Freaner, promoted, to rank from June 20, 1864.

Jack Sutherland, of Texas, to be adjutant Fourth Texas Regiment, vice Lieutenant Brown, deceased, to rank from July 20, 1864.

Edward N. Everett, of Georgia, to be adjutant Eighteenth Georgia Regiment, vice Lieutenant Patton, promoted, to rank from June 15, 1864.

C. Marshal Jones, of Virginia, to be adjutant First Virginia Battalion, vice Lieutenant Marsden, deceased, to rank from July 21, 1864.

McK. Hammett, of Arkansas, to be adjutant Fifth Arkansas Regiment, vice Lieutenant Winston, resigned, to rank from July 28, 1864.

Lewis B. Noland, of Arkansas, to be adjutant Third Arkansas Cavalry Regiment, vice Lieutenant Burwell, promoted, to rank from June 15, 1864.

Roderick Perry, of Tennessee, to be adjutant Nineteenth Tennessee Cavalry Regiment (an original vacancy), to rank from June 15, 1864.

R. T. Coulter, of Tennessee, to be adjutant Forty-ninth Tennessee Regiment (an original vacancy), to rank from July 29, 1864.

W. A. Overton, of Kentucky, to be adjutant Second Kentucky Battalion Cavalry (an original vacancy), to rank from July 25, 1864.

Edward M. Jordan, of North Carolina, to be adjutant Nineteenth North Carolina Regiment, vice Lieutenant Worth, deceased, to rank from August 3, 1864.

H. R. Morrison, of Virginia, to be adjutant Twenty-sixth Virginia Battalion (an original vacancy), to rank from August 3, 1864.

R. D. Kathrens, of Missouri, to be adjutant Seventh Missouri Cavalry Regiment, vice Lieutenant Pike, killed, to rank from July 15, 1864.

S. C. Sadler, of South Carolina, to be adjutant Twelfth South Carolina Regiment, vice Lieutenant Smith, promoted, to rank from August 3, 1864.

S. R. Fant, of South Carolina, to be adjutant Seventeenth South Carolina Regiment, vice Lieutenant Connor, killed, to rank from August 3, 1864.

Andrew J. Ross, of Texas, to be adjutant Twenty-second Texas Regiment, vice Lieutenant Holland, killed, to rank from August 2, 1864.

Reuben E. Jordan, of Alabama, to be adjutant Forty-seventh Alabama Regiment, vice Lieutenant Keller, resigned, to rank from March 3, 1864.

H. T. Johnson, of Tennessee, to be adjutant Eighteenth Tennessee Cavalry Regiment (an original vacancy), to rank from August 6, 1864.

W. E. Clayton, of Arkansas, to be adjutant Thirty-sixth Arkansas Regiment, vice Lieutenant Quarles, promoted, to rank from June 15, 1864.

E. A. Manning, of Kentucky, to be adjutant Twelfth Kentucky Cavalry Regiment, vice Lieutenant Morris, killed, to rank from June 15, 1864.

A. G. Hawkins, of Tennessee, to be adjutant Twentieth Tennessee Cavalry Regiment (an original vacancy), to rank from June 15, 1864.

B. F. Coates, of Virginia, to be adjutant Tenth Virginia Regiment, vice Lieutenant Kising, deceased, to rank from June 15, 1864.

J. C. Butlington, of Florida, to be adjutant Tenth Florida Regiment (an original vacancy), to rank from August 12, 1864.

F. Baltzell, of Florida, to be adjutant Eleventh Florida Regiment (an original vacancy), to rank from August 12, 1864.

F. M. Bell, of Tennessee, to be adjutant Twenty-first Tennessee Cavalry Regiment (an original vacancy), to rank from June 15, 1864.

James T. Norris, of Georgia, to be adjutant Ninth Georgia Cavalry Regiment, vice Lieutenant Jones, killed, to rank from August 9, 1864.

F. S. Johnson, of Georgia, to be adjutant Forty-fifth Georgia Regiment, vice Lieutenant Cherry, promoted, to rank from August 16, 1864.

John H. Dobbs, of Georgia, to be adjutant Tenth Georgia Regiment, vice Lieutenant Strickland, deceased, to rank from August 16, 1864.

John H. McKie, of Mississippi, to be adjutant Nineteenth Mississippi Regiment, vice Lieutenant Peel, deceased, to rank from July 30, 1864.

Preston J. Key, of Louisiana, to be adjutant Ninth Louisiana Regiment, vice Lieutenant Waters, killed, to rank from August 16, 1864.

D. R. Patterson, of North Carolina, to be adjutant First Seminole Battalion (an original vacancy), to rank from August 16, 1864.

Thomas S. McCay, of Mississippi, to be adjutant Seventh Mississippi Battalion (an original vacancy), to rank from February 20, 1863.

Alex. S. Webb, of North Carolina, to be adjutant Forty-fourth North Carolina Regiment, vice Lieutenant Manly's commission revoked, to rank from August 17, 1864.

James A. Comer, of Mississippi, to be adjutant Twenty-sixth Mississippi Regiment, vice Lieutenant Curlee, resigned, to rank from June 15, 1864.

D. H. Boyles, of Alabama, to be adjutant Fifty-sixth Alabama Regiment, vice Lieutenant Sykes, promoted, to rank from August 24, 1864.

W. T. Mitchell, of Alabama, to be adjutant Thirty-fifth Alabama Regiment, vice Lieutenant Horne, deceased, to rank from August 25, 1864.

Thomas W. Clepper, of Tennessee, to be adjutant Thirty-fourth Tennessee Regiment, vice Lieutenant Shane, killed, to rank from August 25, 1864.

H. Hardy, of Mississippi, to be adjutant Forty-fourth Mississippi Regiment, vice Lieutenant Odum, killed, to rank from August 25, 1864.

E. J. Perrault, of Mississippi, to be adjutant Sixteenth Mississippi Regiment, vice Lieutenant Lowe, killed, to rank from August 26, 1864.

H. H. Brogden, of Maryland, to be adjutant Thirty-seventh Virginia Battalion Cavalry, vice Lieutenant Hall, dropped, to rank from September 2, 1864.

J. F. Wilkerson, of Tennessee, to be adjutant Twelfth Confederate Cavalry Regiment (an original vacancy), to rank from September 21, 1864.

James A. Wiley, of Mississippi, to be adjutant Second Mississippi Cavalry Regiment, vice Lieutenant Lee, declined, to rank from September 14, 1864.

A. T. London, of North Carolina, to be adjutant First Regiment North Carolina Reserves (an original vacancy), to rank from September 20, 1864.

J. W. Childress, of Tennessee, to be adjutant Fiftieth Tennessee Regiment (an original vacancy), to rank from September 21, 1864.

J. T. Quarles, of Virginia, to be adjutant First Foreign Battalion (an original vacancy), to rank from October 19, 1864.

F. M. Vance, of Alabama, to be adjutant Twentieth Alabama Regiment, vice Lieutenant Smith, promoted, to rank from October 18, 1864.

L. Campbell, of Louisiana, to be adjutant Thirteenth Louisiana Regiment, vice Lieutenant Bein, promoted, to rank from September 21, 1864.

C. E. Grier, of North Carolina, to be adjutant Thirteenth North Carolina Regiment, vice Lieutenant Anderson, dropped, to rank from October 17, 1864.

George M. Rose, of North Carolina, to be adjutant Sixty-sixth North Carolina Regiment, vice Lieutenant Armistead, declined, to rank from October 18, 1864.

T. E. Pittman, of North Carolina, to be adjutant Twenty-seventh North Carolina Regiment, vice Lieutenant Knight, killed, to rank from September 27, 1864.

W. J. Mauldin, of Mississippi, to be adjutant Eleventh Mississippi Regiment, vice Lieutenant Evans, promoted, to rank from September 27, 1864.

A. D. Simons, of South Carolina, to be adjutant Twenty-seventh South Carolina Regiment, vice Lieutenant Smith, deceased, to rank from September 27, 1864.

S. J. Spindle, of Virginia, to be adjutant Twelfth Virginia Cavalry Regiment, vice Lieutenant Harman, dropped, to rank from September 26, 1864.

T. E. Davis, of Virginia, to be adjutant Twenty-first Virginia Cavalry Regiment (an original vacancy), to rank from September 24, 1864.

F. N. Kitchell, of Alabama, to be adjutant Forty-eighth Alabama Regiment, vice Lieutenant Figures, killed, to rank from September 24, 1864.

Jeff. L. Savage, of Alabama, to be adjutant Thirteenth Alabama Regiment, vice Lieutenant Rentz, deceased, to rank from October 18, 1864.

John Jameson, of Mississippi, to be adjutant Twentieth Mississippi Regiment, vice Lieutenant Houston, resigned, to rank from October 18, 1864.

J. C. Bailey, of Kentucky, to be adjutant Fourth Kentucky Regiment, vice Lieutenant Williams, deceased, to rank from September 27, 1864.

G. W. Cain, of Alabama, to be adjutant Fiftieth Alabama Regiment, vice Lieutenant Buckner, killed, to rank from October 17, 1864.

H. C. Fallon, of Arkansas, to be adjutant Ninth Arkansas Regiment, vice Lieutenant Dunlop, deceased, to rank from September 27, 1864.

F. R. Burrus, of Tennessee, to be adjutant Eighteenth Tennessee Regiment, vice Lieutenant Douglass, deceased, to rank from October 17, 1864.

T. M. Hunt, of Texas, to be adjutant Seventeenth Texas Regiment (an original vacancy), to rank from October 18, 1864.

B. F. Murrell, of Arkansas, to be adjutant Thirty-second Arkansas Regiment (an original vacancy), to rank from October 18, 1864.

W. W. Matthews, of Louisiana, to be adjutant Ninth Louisiana Battalion, Partisan Rangers (an original vacancy), to rank from September 27, 1864.

James H. Wilkes, of North Carolina, to be adjutant Sixty-second North Carolina Regiment, vice Lieutenant Haynes, appointed ensign, to rank from September 26, 1864.

John T. Hall, of Texas, to be adjutant Fourteenth Texas Cavalry Regiment, vice Lieutenant Lane, appointed aid-de-camp, to rank from October 17, 1864.

G. P. Massingale, of Texas, to be adjutant Whittfield's Legion, vice Lieutenant Spindle, resigned, to rank from October 25, 1864.

J. H. Cummins, of Tennessee, to be adjutant Ninth Tennessee Regiment (an original vacancy), to rank from October 25, 1864.

J. A. Martin, of Tennessee, to be adjutant Twenty-ninth Tennessee Regiment, vice Lieutenant Reynolds, resigned, to rank from October 25, 1864.

E. Harrison, of Florida, to be adjutant Second Florida Regiment, vice Lieutenant Reid, killed, to rank from October 25, 1864.

N. H. Davis, of South Carolina, to be adjutant Fifteenth South Carolina Regiment, vice Lieutenant Davis, appointed aid-de-camp, to rank from October 25, 1864.

F. B. Davidson, of Missouri, to be adjutant Tenth Missouri Cavalry Regiment (an original vacancy), to rank from October 25, 1864.

James J. Kiddoo, of Georgia, to be adjutant Fifty-first Georgia Regiment, vice Lieutenant West, dropped, to rank from November 2, 1864.

John Patton, of Mississippi, to be adjutant First Mississippi Regiment Artillery, vice Lieutenant Power, resigned, to rank from November 1, 1864.

C. Watlington, of Alabama, to be adjutant Eleventh Alabama Regiment, vice Lieutenant Ashe, killed, to rank from November 3, 1864.

I am, sir, respectfully, your obedient servant,

JAMES A. SEDDON,
Secretary of War.

To His Excellency JEFFERSON DAVIS,
President, &c.

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT, *Richmond, December 13, 1864.*

To the Senate of the Confederate States:

Agreeably to the recommendation of the Secretary of War, I nominate the officers on the accompanying list to the grades affixed to their names, respectively.

JEFFERSON DAVIS.

No. 61.] WAR DEPARTMENT, *Richmond, December 9, 1864.*

SIR: I have the honor to recommend the following nominations for appointment in the Provisional Army of the Confederate States of America:

GENERAL OFFICERS, WITH TEMPORARY RANK, UNDER ACT APPROVED MAY 31, 1864.

General.

Lieut. Gen. J. B. Hood, of Texas, to rank from July 18, 1864.

Lieutenant-general.

Maj. Gen. A. P. Stewart, of Tennessee, to rank from June 23, 1864.

Major-generals.

1. Brig. Gen. H. D. Clayton, of Alabama, to rank from July 7, 1864.
2. Brig. Gen. John C. Brown, of Tennessee, to rank from August 4, 1864.
3. Brig. Gen. L. L. Lomax, of Virginia, to rank from August 10, 1864.
4. Brig. Gen. T. L. Rosser, of Texas, to rank from November 1, 1864.

Brigadier-generals.

1. Col. B. T. Johnson, of Maryland, to rank from June 28, 1864.
2. Col. J. C. Carter, of Tennessee, to rank from July 7, 1864.
3. Col. J. T. Holtzclaw, of Alabama, to rank from July 7, 1864.
4. Col. W. F. Brantly, of Mississippi, to rank from July 26, 1864.

5. Col. R. H. Anderson, of Georgia, to rank from July 26, 1864.
6. Lieut. Col. F. H. Robertson, of Texas, to rank from July 26, 1864.
7. Col. J. H. Sharp, of Mississippi, to rank from July 26, 1864.
8. Col. G. D. Johnston, of Mississippi, to rank from July 26, 1864.
9. Col. T. B. Smith, of Tennessee, to rank from July 29, 1864.
10. Col. William Miller, of Florida, to rank from August 2, 1864.
11. Col. W. H. Young, of Texas, to rank from August 15, 1864.
12. Col. G. W. Gordon, of Tennessee, to rank from August 15, 1864.
13. Col. W. H. Wallace, of South Carolina, to rank from September 20, 1864.
14. Col. C. M. Shelby, of Alabama, to rank from September 17, 1864.
15. Lieut. Col. G. M. Sorrel, of Georgia, to rank from October 27, 1864.

I am, sir, respectfully, your obedient servant,

JAMES A. SEDDON,
Secretary of War.

To His Excellency JEFFERSON DAVIS,
President, etc.

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT, *Richmond, December 13, 1864.*

To the Senate of the Confederate States:

Agreeably to the recommendation of the Secretary of War, I nominate the officers on the accompanying list to the grades affixed to their names, respectively,

JEFFERSON DAVIS.

No. 67.] WAR DEPARTMENT, *Richmond, December 10, 1864.*

SIR: I have the honor to recommend the following nominations for appointment in the Provisional Army of the Confederate States of America:

Adjutants—first lieutenants.

Willie Barrow, of Louisiana, to be adjutant First Trans-Mississippi Battalion Cavalry (an original vacancy), to rank from September 15, 1864.

L. T. Everett, of North Carolina, to be adjutant Twenty-third North Carolina Regiment, vice Lieutenant Powell, deceased, to rank from October 29, 1864.

A. F. Kinney, of Virginia, to be adjutant Fifty-second Virginia Regiment, vice Lieutenant Galt, deceased, to rank from November 3, 1864.

R. P. Waring, of North Carolina, to be adjutant Fourth North Carolina Regiment Reserves (an original vacancy), to rank from August 30, 1864.

J. H. Wooldridge, of Georgia, to be adjutant Thirty-first Georgia Regiment (an original vacancy), to rank from August 15, 1864.

I am, sir, respectfully, your obedient servant,

JAMES A. SEDDON,
Secretary of War.

To His Excellency JEFFERSON DAVIS,
President, etc.

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT, *Richmond, December 13, 1864.*

To the Senate of the Confederate States:

Agreeably to the recommendation of the Secretary of War, I nominate the officers on the accompanying list (for promotion) to the grades affixed to their names, respectively.

JEFFERSON DAVIS.

No. 53.] WAR DEPARTMENT, *Richmond, December 7, 1864.*

SIR: I have the honor to recommend the following nominations for promotion in the Provisional Army of the Confederate States of America:

ENGINEER TROOPS.

Captain.

First Lieut. W. G. Williamson, of Virginia, to be captain Company F, First Regiment Engineer Troops, vice Captain Douglas, resigned, to rank from September 28, 1864.

First lieutenants.

Second Lieut. R. H. Griffin, of Texas, to be first lieutenant Company G, First Regiment Engineer Troops (to fill an original vacancy), to rank from September 28, 1864.

Second Lieut. D. S. Hessey, of Delaware, to be first lieutenant Company A, First Regiment Engineer Troops, vice Lieutenant Williamson, promoted captain Company F, to rank from September 30, 1864.

I am, sir, respectfully, your obedient servant,

JAMES A. SEDDON,
Secretary of War.

To His Excellency JEFFERSON DAVIS,
President, &c.

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT, *Richmond, December 13, 1864.*

To the Senate of the Confederate States:

Agreeably to the recommendation of the Secretary of War, I nominate the officers on the accompanying list to the grades affixed to their names, respectively.

JEFFERSON DAVIS.

No. 68.]

WAR DEPARTMENT, *Richmond, December 10, 1864.*

SIR: I have the honor to recommend the following nominations for promotion in the Provisional Army of the Confederate States of America:

ENGINEER TROOPS.

First lieutenants.

Second Lieut. James B. Perkins, of Georgia, to be first lieutenant, Third Regiment Engineer Troops (an original vacancy), to rank from October 1, 1864.

Second Lieut. C. R. Boyd, of Virginia, to be first lieutenant, Third Regiment Engineer Troops, vice Lieutenant Long, killed, to rank from October 19, 1864.

I am, sir, respectfully, your obedient servant,

JAMES A. SEDDON,
Secretary of War.

To His Excellency JEFFERSON DAVIS,
President, &c.

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT, *Richmond, December 13, 1864.*

To the Senate of the Confederate States:

Agreeably to the recommendation of the Secretary of War, I nominate the officers on the accompanying list (for promotion) to the grades affixed to their names, respectively.

JEFFERSON DAVIS.

No. 66.]

WAR DEPARTMENT, *Richmond, December 10, 1864.*

SIR: I have the honor to recommend the following nominations for promotion in the Provisional Army of the Confederate States of America:

Colonels.

Lieut. Col. H. A. Herbert, of Alabama, to be colonel Eighth Alabama Regiment, vice Colonel Royston, retired, to rank from November 2, 1864.

Lieut. Col. E. F. Hoge, of Georgia, to be colonel Ninth Georgia Regiment, vice Colonel Beck, resigned, to rank from March 16, 1864.

Lieutenant-colonels.

Maj. Thomas E. Winn, of Georgia, to be lieutenant-colonel Twenty-fourth Georgia Regiment, vice Lieutenant-Colonel Chandler, resigned, to rank from September 20, 1864.

Maj. John P. Emrich, of Alabama, to be lieutenant-colonel Eighth Alabama Regiment, vice Lieutenant-Colonel Herbert, promoted, to rank from November 2, 1864.

Majors.

Capt. R. E. Wilson, of Georgia, to be major Thirty-seventh Georgia Regiment, vice Major Bradford, retired, to rank from June 24, 1864.

Capt. Charles Old, of Virginia, to be major Fourth Virginia Cavalry Regiment, vice Major Woodbridge, promoted, to rank from October 14, 1864.

Capt. William Hamilton, of Georgia, to be major Nineteenth Georgia Regiment, vice Major Mabry, resigned, to rank from September 21, 1864.

Capt. William J. Mims, of Alabama, to be major Forty-third Alabama Regiment, vice Major Barbour, resigned, to rank from November 2, 1864.

Capt. Duke Nall, of Alabama, to be major Eighth Alabama Regiment, vice Major Enrich, promoted, to rank from November 2, 1864.

Capt. J. G. Webb, of Georgia, to be major Ninth Georgia Regiment, vice Major Jones, deceased, to rank from October 26, 1864.

I am, sir, respectfully, your obedient servant,

JAMES A. SEDDON,
Secretary of War.

To His Excellency JEFFERSON DAVIS,
President, etc.

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT, *Richmond, December 13, 1864.*

To the Senate of the Confederate States:

Agreeably to the recommendation of the Secretary of War, I nominate the officers on the accompanying list (for promotion) to the grades affixed to their names, respectively.

JEFFERSON DAVIS.

No. 56.]

WAR DEPARTMENT, *Richmond, December 8, 1864.*

SIR: I have the honor to recommend the following nominations for promotion in the Provisional Army of the Confederate States of America:

Colonels.

Lieut. Col. M. J. Bulger, of Alabama, to be colonel Forty-seventh Alabama Regiment, vice Colonel Jackson, resigned, to rank from July 16, 1863.

Lieut. Col. F. W. McMaster, of South Carolina, to be colonel Seventeenth South Carolina Regiment, vice Colonel Means, killed, to rank from September 1, 1862.

Lieut. Col. G. W. Clayton, of North Carolina, to be colonel Sixty-second North Carolina Regiment, vice Colonel Love, resigned, to rank from August 13, 1863.

Lieut. Col. J. T. Jordan, of Georgia, to be colonel Forty-ninth Georgia Regiment, vice Colonel Player, resigned, to rank from March 24, 1864.

Maj. W. D. Rutherford, of South Carolina, to be colonel Third South Carolina Regiment, vice Lieutenant-Colonel Garlington and Colonel Nance, killed, to rank from May 6, 1864.

Maj. E. C. Council, of Mississippi, to be colonel Sixteenth Mississippi Regiment, vice Lieutenant-Colonel Feltus and Colonel Baker, deceased, to rank from May 12, 1864.

Lieut. Col. R. W. Phipps, of Mississippi, to be colonel Nineteenth Mississippi Regiment, vice Colonel Hardin, deceased, to rank from May 12, 1864.

Maj. S. M. Boykin, of South Carolina, to be colonel Twentieth South Carolina Regiment, vice Lieutenant-Colonel Dantzler, promoted, and Colonel Keitt, killed, to rank from June 2, 1864.

Lieut. Col. John Ashford, of North Carolina, to be colonel Thirty-eighth North Carolina Regiment, vice Colonel Hoke, retired, to rank from June 18, 1864.

Maj. C. E. Broyles, of Georgia, to be colonel Thirty-sixth Georgia Regiment, vice Lieutenant-Colonel Wallace, resigned, and Colonel Glenn, dismissed, to rank from April 28, 1864.

Lieut. Col. T. M. Logan, of South Carolina, to be colonel Hampton Legion, vice Colonel Gary, appointed brigadier-general, to rank from May 19, 1864.

Lieut. Col. J. H. Nethercutt, of North Carolina, to be colonel Sixty-sixth North Carolina Regiment, vice Colonel Moore, killed, to rank from June 3, 1864.

Lieut. Col. L. von Zinken, of Louisiana, to be colonel Twentieth Louisiana Regiment, vice Colonel Reichard, resigned, to rank from July 7, 1863.

Lieut. Col. J. L. Drake, of Mississippi, to be colonel Thirty-third Mississippi Regiment, vice Colonel Hurst, resigned, to rank from January 5, 1864.

Capt. R. B. Boston, of Virginia, to be colonel Fifth Virginia Cavalry Regiment, vice Major Eells, killed, Lieutenant-Colonel Pate, promoted, and Colonel Pate, killed, to rank from June 16, 1864.

Lieut. Col. J. M. Steedman, of South Carolina, to be colonel Sixth South Carolina Regiment, vice Colonel Bratton, promoted, to rank from May 6, 1864.

Lieut. Col. R. E. Bowen, of South Carolina, to be colonel Second South Carolina Rifle Regiment, vice Colonel Thomson, resigned, to rank from January 22, 1864.

Maj. H. C. Kellogg, of Georgia, to be colonel Forty-third Georgia Regiment, vice Lieutenant-Colonel Bell, resigned, and Colonel Harris, killed, to rank from December 18, 1863.

Maj. R. E. Burke, of Louisiana, to be colonel Second Louisiana Regiment, vice Lieutenant-Colonel Williams, killed, and Colonel Norwood, resigned, to rank from May 12, 1864.

Lieut. Col. W. C. Holt, of Georgia, to be colonel Tenth Georgia Regiment, vice Colonel Weems, retired, to rank from May 19, 1864.

Lieut. Col. H. A. Carrington, of Virginia, to be colonel Eighteenth Virginia Regiment, vice Colonel Withers, retired, to rank from July 21, 1864.

Lieut. Col. J. P. Bane, of Texas, to be colonel Fourth Texas Regiment, vice Colonel Key, retired, to rank from April 29, 1864.

Lieut. Col. F. A. Ashford, of Alabama, to be colonel Sixteenth Alabama Regiment, vice Colonel Helvenston, resigned, to rank from March 26, 1864.

Lieut. Col. Arthur Herbert, of Virginia, to be colonel Seventeenth Virginia Regiment, vice Colonel Marye, retired, to rank from July 8, 1864.

Lieut. Col. Thomas Smith, of Virginia, to be colonel Thirty-sixth Virginia Regiment, vice Colonel McCausland, appointed brigadier-general, to rank from May 18, 1864.

Lieut. Col. W. H. A. Speer, of North Carolina, to be colonel Twenty-eighth North Carolina Regiment, vice Colonel Lowe, retired, to rank from July 8, 1864.

Lieut. Col. G. H. Carmical, of Georgia, to be colonel Seventh Georgia Regiment, vice Colonel White, retired, to rank from July 27, 1864.

Lieut. Col. Isaac F. Hunt, of South Carolina, to be colonel Thirteenth South Carolina Regiment, vice Colonel Brockman, deceased, to rank from June 8, 1864.

Lieut. Col. G. K. Griggs, of Virginia, to be colonel Thirty-eighth Virginia Regiment, vice Colonel Cabell, killed, to rank from May 16, 1864.

Lieut. Col. James D. Tillman, of Tennessee, to be colonel Forty-first Tennessee Regiment, vice Colonel Farquharson, retired, to rank from June 3, 1864.

Maj. R. N. Payne, of Tennessee, to be colonel Thirty-third Tennessee Regiment, vice Lieutenant-Colonel McNeill and Colonel Jones, killed, to rank from July 22, 1864.

Lieut. Col. R. W. Turner, of Louisiana, to be colonel Nineteenth Louisiana Regiment, vice Colonel Winans, killed, to rank from November 25, 1863.

Lieut. Col. Harry T. Toulmin, of Alabama, to be colonel Twenty-second Alabama Regiment, vice Colonel Hart, deceased, to rank from July 28, 1864.

Lieut. Col. D. L. Kenan, of Florida, to be colonel Sixth Florida Regiment, vice Colonel McLean, killed, to rank from May 28, 1864.

Lieut. Col. G. W. Gordon, of Tennessee, to be colonel Eleventh Tennessee Regiment, vice Colonel Rains, appointed brigadier-general, to rank from November 4, 1862.

Lieut. Col. William Grace, of Tennessee, to be colonel Tenth Tennessee Regiment, vice Colonel MacGavock, killed, to rank from May 12, 1863.

Lieut. Col. R. L. T. Beule, of Virginia, to be colonel Ninth Virginia Cavalry Regiment, vice Col. W. H. F. Lee, appointed brigadier-general, to rank from September 15, 1862.

Lieut. Col. P. D. Bowles, of Alabama, to be colonel Fourth Alabama Regiment, vice Colonel Law, appointed brigadier-general, to rank from October 3, 1862.

Lieut. Col. W. F. Perry, of Alabama, to be colonel Forty-fourth Alabama Regiment, vice Colonel Derby, killed, to rank from September 17, 1862.

Lieut. Col. W. H. Willis, of Georgia, to be colonel Fourth Georgia Regiment, vice Colonel Cook, appointed brigadier-general, to rank from August 5, 1864.

Lieut. Col. C. W. Heiskell, of Tennessee, to be colonel Nineteenth Tennessee Regiment, vice Colonel Walker, killed, to rank from July 22, 1864.

Lieut. Col. Hugh A. Garland, of Missouri, to be colonel First Missouri Regiment, vice Colonel Riley, killed, to rank from May 30, 1864.

Lieut. Col. L. T. Woodruff, of Alabama, to be colonel Thirty-sixth Alabama Regiment, vice Colonel Smith, resigned, to rank from March 16, 1863.

Lieut. Col. W. E. Green, of Virginia, to be colonel Fifty-sixth Virginia Regiment, vice Colonel Slaughter, resigned, to rank from June 13, 1864.

Lieut. Col. James G. Rose, of Tennessee, to be colonel Sixty-first Tennessee Regiment, vice Colonel Pitts, retired, to rank from August 1, 1864.

Maj. John O'Neill, of Tennessee, to be colonel of the Tenth Tennessee Regiment, vice Lieutenant-Colonel Thompson, retired, and Colonel Grace, deceased, to rank from September 11, 1864.

Maj. John P. McGuire, of Tennessee, to be colonel Thirty-second Tennessee Regiment, vice Colonel Cook, deceased, and the lieutenant-colonel waiving, to rank from August 11, 1864.

Lieut. Col. E. F. Bookter, of South Carolina, to be colonel Twelfth South Carolina Regiment, vice Colonel Miller, deceased, to rank from May 6, 1864.

Lieut. Col. R. P. Lester, of Georgia, to be colonel Fourteenth Georgia Regiment, vice Colonel Folsom, deceased, to rank from May 8, 1864.

Lieut. Col. M. R. Ballenger, of Georgia, to be colonel Twenty-third Georgia Regiment, vice Colonel Huggins, resigned, to rank from August 13, 1864.

Lieut. Col. F. C. Zacharie, of Louisiana, to be colonel Twenty-fifth Louisiana Regiment, vice Colonel Lewis, killed, to rank from August 31, 1864.

Lieut. Col. C. J. Clack, of Tennessee, to be colonel Third Tennessee Regiment, vice Colonel Walker, killed, to rank from June 22, 1864.

Lieut. Col. Horace Ready, of Tennessee, to be colonel Twenty-third Tennessee Regiment, vice Colonel Keeble, killed, to rank from June 30, 1864.

Maj. W. J. Crawley, of South Carolina, to be colonel Holcombe Legion, vice Lieutenant-Colonel Walsh, retired, and Col. S. Elliott, appointed brigadier-general, to rank from September 28, 1864.

Lieut. Col. James S. Boynton, of Georgia, to be colonel Thirtieth Georgia Regiment, vice Colonel Mangham, retired, to rank from May 19, 1864.

Lieut. Col. F. S. Bass, of Texas, to be colonel First Texas Regiment, vice Colonel Rainey, dropped, to rank from July 15, 1864.

Lieut. Col. G. E. Tayloe, of Alabama, to be colonel Eleventh Alabama Regiment, vice Colonel Sanders, killed, to rank from August 21, 1864.

Lieut. Col. R. F. Crittenden, of Alabama, to be colonel Thirty-third Alabama Regiment, vice Colonel Adams, killed, to rank from July 21, 1864.

Maj. Lewis Ball, of Mississippi, to be colonel Forty-first Mississippi Regiment, vice Lieutenant-Colonel Williams and Colonel Hodges, deceased, to rank from August 31, 1864.

Lieut. Col. G. A. C. Holt, of Kentucky, to be colonel Third Kentucky Regiment, vice Colonel Thompson, killed, to rank from March 25, 1864.

Lieutenant-colonels.

Capt. W. L. Lyles, of Mississippi, to be lieutenant-colonel Twenty-fourth Mississippi Regiment, vice Lieutenant-Colonel McKelvaine, promoted, and Major Staples, resigned, to rank from April 11, 1864.

Maj. B. G. McDowell, of North Carolina, to be lieutenant-colonel Sixty-second North Carolina Regiment, vice Lieutenant-Colonel Clayton, promoted, to rank from August 13, 1863.

Maj. G. W. Melver, of South Carolina, to be lieutenant-colonel Twenty-first South Carolina Regiment, vice Lieutenant-Colonel Dargan, killed, to rank from May 8, 1864.

Capt. W. Wallace, of South Carolina, to be lieutenant-colonel Second South Carolina Regiment, vice Lieutenant-Colonel Goodwyn, resigned, and Major Gaillard, killed, to rank from May 6, 1864.

Maj. E. F. Moseley, of Virginia, to be lieutenant-colonel First Virginia Regiment Artillery, vice Lieutenant-Colonel Coleman, deceased, to rank from March 22, 1863.

Maj. J. A. Blair, of Mississippi, to be lieutenant-colonel Second Mississippi Regiment, vice Lieutenant-Colonel Humphreys, killed, to rank from July 3, 1863.

Maj. G. W. Huguley, of Alabama, to be lieutenant-colonel Fifty-ninth Alabama Regiment, vice Lieutenant-Colonel McLennan, killed, to rank from May 16, 1864.

Maj. B. B. Kirkland, of South Carolina, to be lieutenant-colonel First South Carolina Regiment, vice Lieutenant-Colonel Livingston, resigned, to rank from March 19, 1864.

Capt. S. McN. Bain, of Mississippi, to be lieutenant-colonel Sixteenth Mississippi Regiment, vice Lieutenant-Colonel Feltus, deceased, and Major Council, promoted, to rank from May 12, 1864.

Maj. G. W. Flowers, of North Carolina, to be lieutenant-colonel Thirty-eighth North Carolina Regiment, vice Lieutenant-Colonel Ashford, promoted, to rank from June 18, 1864.

Maj. W. B. Woodriddle, of Virginia, to be lieutenant-colonel Fourth Virginia Cavalry Regiment, vice Lieutenant-Colonel Randolph, killed, to rank from May 12, 1864.

Maj. J. H. Duncan, of Mississippi, to be lieutenant-colonel Nineteenth Mississippi Regiment, vice Lieutenant-Colonel Phipps, promoted, to rank from May 12, 1864.

Maj. Robert De Treville, of South Carolina, to be lieutenant-colonel First South Carolina Regiment (enlisted men), vice Lieutenant-Colonel Baker, deceased, to rank from January 20, 1864.

Maj. Clem. G. Wright, of North Carolina, to be lieutenant-colonel Sixty-sixth North Carolina Regiment, vice Lieutenant-Colonel Nethercutt, promoted, to rank from June 3, 1864.

Maj. S. B. Thomas, of Mississippi, to be lieutenant-colonel Twelfth Mississippi Regiment, vice Lieutenant-Colonel Harris, promoted, to rank from March 19, 1864.

Maj. G. A. Lester, of Louisiana, to be lieutenant-colonel Eighth Louisiana Regiment, vice Lieutenant-Colonel De Blane, promoted, to rank from July 2, 1863.

Capt. James H. Allen, of Virginia, to be lieutenant-colonel Fifth Virginia Cavalry Regiment, vice Lieutenant-Colonel Pate, promoted, and Major Eells, deceased, to rank from June 16, 1864.

Maj. J. M. White, of South Carolina, to be lieutenant-colonel Sixth South Carolina Regiment, vice Lieutenant-Colonel Steelman, promoted, to rank from May 6, 1864.

Maj. D. L. Donnalld, of South Carolina, to be lieutenant-colonel Second South Carolina Rifle Regiment, vice Lieutenant-Colonel Bowen, promoted, to rank from January 22, 1864.

Maj. T. H. Shackelford, of Alabama, to be lieutenant-colonel Fifty-fourth Alabama Regiment, vice Lieutenant-Colonel Minter, promoted, to rank from March 5, 1864.

Maj. John W. Davis, of Alabama, to be lieutenant-colonel Twentieth Alabama Regiment, vice Lieutenant-Colonel Porter, resigned, to rank from April 23, 1864.

Maj. W. J. Williams, of Georgia, to be lieutenant-colonel Forty-ninth Georgia Regiment, vice Lieutenant-Colonel Jordan, promoted, to rank from March 24, 1864.

Maj. W. H. Stewart, of Virginia, to be lieutenant-colonel Sixty-first Virginia Regiment, vice Lieutenant-Colonel Niemeyer, killed, to rank from May 12, 1864.

Maj. R. B. Arnold, of South Carolina, to be lieutenant-colonel Hampton Legion, vice Lieutenant-Colonel Logan, promoted, to rank from May 19, 1864.

Maj. E. R. Smith, of Virginia, to be lieutenant-colonel Twenty-ninth Virginia Regiment, vice Lieutenant-Colonel Haynes, deceased, to rank from June 2, 1864.

Maj. G. C. Cabell, of Virginia, to be lieutenant-colonel Eighteenth Virginia Regiment, vice Lieutenant-Colonel Carrington, promoted, to rank from July 21, 1864.

Maj. C. M. Winkler, of Texas, to be lieutenant-colonel Fourth Texas Regiment, vice Lieutenant-Colonel Bane, promoted, to rank from April 29, 1864.

Maj. J. J. May, of Alabama, to be lieutenant-colonel Sixteenth Alabama Regiment, vice Lieutenant-Colonel Ashford, promoted, to rank from March 26, 1864.

Maj. R. C. Maffett, of South Carolina, to be lieutenant-colonel Third South Carolina Regiment, vice Lieutenant-Colonel Rutherford, promoted, to rank from May 6, 1864.

Maj. R. H. Lindsay, of Louisiana, to be lieutenant-colonel Sixteenth Louisiana Regiment, vice Lieutenant-Colonel Walker, deceased, to rank from December 1, 1862.

Maj. P. A. McMichael, of South Carolina, to be lieutenant-colonel Twentieth South Carolina Regiment, vice Lieutenant-Colonel Boykin, promoted, to rank from June 2, 1864.

Maj. G. Tyler, of Virginia, to be lieutenant-colonel Seventeenth Virginia Regiment, vice Lieutenant-Colonel Herbert, promoted, to rank from July 8, 1864.

Maj. W. E. Fife, of Virginia, to be lieutenant-colonel Thirty-sixth Virginia Regiment, vice Lieutenant-Colonel Smith, promoted, to rank from May 18, 1864.

Maj. M. T. Almon, of Georgia, to be lieutenant-colonel Seventh Georgia Regiment, vice Lieutenant-Colonel Carnikal, promoted, to rank from July 27, 1864.

Maj. William Lester, of South Carolina, to be lieutenant-colonel Thirteenth South Carolina Regiment, vice Lieutenant-Colonel Hunt, promoted, to rank from June 8, 1864.

Maj. W. H. Pryor, of Virginia, to be lieutenant-colonel Third Virginia Regiment, vice Lieutenant-Colonel Scott, killed, to rank from July 3, 1863.

Maj. A. P. Butler, of South Carolina, to be lieutenant-colonel First South Carolina Regiment, vice Lieutenant-Colonel Alston, deceased, to rank from June 19, 1864.

Maj. H. A. Kennedy, of Louisiana, to be lieutenant-colonel Nineteenth Louisiana Regiment, vice Lieutenant-Colonel Turner, promoted, to rank from November 25, 1863.

Maj. Thomas G. Miller, of Tennessee, to be lieutenant-colonel Forty-first Tennessee Regiment, vice Lieutenant-Colonel Tillman, promoted, to rank from June 3, 1864.

Maj. E. S. Gulley, of Alabama, to be lieutenant-colonel Fortieth Alabama Regiment, vice Lieutenant-Colonel Stone, deceased, to rank from May 5, 1864.

Maj. S. S. Batchelor, of Louisiana, to be lieutenant-colonel First Louisiana Regiment, vice Lieutenant-Colonel Kent, deceased, to rank from April 2, 1864.

Maj. R. H. M. Davidson, of Florida, to be lieutenant-colonel Sixth Florida Regiment, vice Lieutenant-Colonel Kenan, promoted, to rank from May 28, 1864.

Maj. Thomas G. Berry, of Texas, to be lieutenant-colonel Ninth Texas Cavalry Regiment, vice Lieutenant-Colonel Dodson, resigned, to rank from October 2, 1863.

Maj. D. T. Richards, of Virginia, to be lieutenant-colonel Sixth Virginia Cavalry Regiment, vice Lieutenant-Colonel Flournoy, deceased, to rank from June 4, 1864.

Maj. James A. Long, of Tennessee, to be lieutenant-colonel Eleventh Tennessee Regiment, vice Lieutenant-Colonel Thedford, resigned, to rank from December 14, 1863.

Maj. Thomas Waller, of Virginia, to be lieutenant-colonel Ninth Virginia Cavalry Regiment, vice Lieutenant-Colonel Beale, promoted, to rank from September 15, 1862.

Maj. L. H. Scruggs, of Alabama, to be lieutenant-colonel Fourth Alabama Regiment, vice Lieutenant-Colonel Bowles, promoted, to rank from October 3, 1862.

Maj. John A. Jones, of Alabama, to be lieutenant-colonel Forty-fourth Alabama Regiment, vice Lieutenant-Colonel Perry, promoted, to rank from September 7, 1862.

Maj. E. A. Nash, of Georgia, to be lieutenant-colonel Fourth Georgia Regiment, vice Lieutenant-Colonel Willis, promoted, to rank from August 5, 1864.

Maj. Roger Moore, of North Carolina, to be lieutenant-colonel Forty-first North Carolina Regiment, vice Lieutenant-Colonel Waddell, resigned, to rank from August 10, 1864.

Maj. Thomas E. Screven, of South Carolina, to be lieutenant-colonel Second South Carolina Cavalry Regiment, vice Lieutenant-Colonel Lipscomb, promoted, to rank from September 1, 1863.

Maj. James G. Deaderick, of Tennessee, to be lieutenant-colonel Nineteenth Tennessee Regiment, vice Lieutenant-Colonel Heiskell, promoted, to rank from July 22, 1864.

Maj. Martin Burke, of Missouri, to be lieutenant-colonel First Missouri Regiment, vice Lieutenant-Colonel Garland, promoted, to rank from May 30, 1864.

Maj. T. M. Atkins, of Tennessee, to be lieutenant-colonel Forty-ninth Tennessee Regiment, vice Lieutenant-Colonel Cordling, dropped, to rank from June 11, 1864.

Maj. J. R. Culp, of South Carolina, to be lieutenant-colonel Seventeenth South Carolina Regiment, vice Lieutenant-Colonel Means, retired, to rank from August 29, 1864.

Maj. T. F. Clyburn, of South Carolina, to be lieutenant-colonel Twelfth South Carolina Regiment, vice Lieutenant-Colonel Bookter, promoted, to rank from May 6, 1864.

Maj. W. M. Hardwick, of Alabama, to be lieutenant-colonel Forty-eighth Alabama Regiment, vice Lieutenant-Colonel Alldridge, resigned, to rank from June 17, 1863.

Maj. J. T. Robertson, of South Carolina, to be lieutenant-colonel First South Carolina Rifle Regiment, vice Lieutenant-Colonel Hadden, killed, to rank from July 28, 1864.

Maj. W. L. Goldsmith, of Georgia, to be lieutenant-colonel Fourteenth Georgia Regiment, vice Lieutenant-Colonel Lester, promoted, to rank from May 8, 1864.

Maj. H. Bussey, of Georgia, to be lieutenant-colonel Twenty-seventh Georgia Regiment, vice Lieutenant-Colonel Gardner, killed, to rank from June 24, 1864.

Maj. C. H. Moore, of Louisiana, to be lieutenant-colonel Twenty-fifth Louisiana Regiment, vice Lieutenant-Colonel Zacharie, promoted, to rank from August 31, 1864.

Maj. Eric Erson, of North Carolina, to be lieutenant-colonel Fifty-second North Carolina Regiment, vice Lieutenant-Colonel Little, resigned, to rank from August 30, 1864.

Maj. J. K. Elliott, of Alabama, to be lieutenant-colonel Thirtieth Alabama Regiment, vice Lieutenant-Colonel Patterson, deceased, to rank from July 30, 1864.

Capt. J. C. Carter, of Alabama, to be lieutenant-colonel Thirty-fourth Alabama Regiment, vice Lieutenant-Colonel Echols, resigned, and the major found incompetent, to rank from May 1, 1864.

Maj. S. M. Dyer, of Mississippi, to be lieutenant-colonel Third Mississippi Regiment, vice Lieutenant-Colonel McRae, resigned, to rank from August 17, 1863.

Maj. T. J. Borden, of Mississippi, to be lieutenant-colonel Sixth Mississippi Regiment, vice Lieutenant-Colonel Harper, resigned, to rank from August 2, 1864.

Maj. Samuel M. Silver, of North Carolina, to be lieutenant-colonel Fifty-eighth North Carolina Regiment, vice Lieutenant-Colonel Dula, resigned, to rank from August 31, 1864.

Maj. W. S. Shepherd, of Georgia, to be lieutenant-colonel Second Georgia Regiment, vice Lieutenant-Colonel Harris, killed, to rank from July 21, 1863.

Maj. Charles J. Bell, of Louisiana, to be lieutenant-colonel Thirtieth Louisiana Regiment, vice Lieutenant-Colonel Shields, deceased, to rank from July 28, 1864.

Maj. J. H. Dunklin, of Alabama, to be lieutenant-colonel Thirty-third Alabama Regiment, vice Lieutenant-Colonel Crittenden, promoted, to rank from July 21, 1864.

Majors.

Capt. J. T. Woodhouse, of Virginia, to be major Sixteenth Virginia Regiment, vice Major Holladay, resigned, to rank from March 16, 1863.

Capt. W. L. A. Ellis, of Georgia, to be major Sixty-second Georgia Regiment, vice Major Kennedy, promoted, to rank from July 24, 1864.

Capt. George Downs, of Virginia, to be major Nineteenth Virginia Cavalry Regiment, vice Major Kessler, promoted, to rank from February 26, 1864.

Capt. F. S. Lewie, of South Carolina, to be major Fifteenth South Carolina Regiment, vice Major Gist, killed, to rank from November 18, 1863.

Capt. Warren Adams, of South Carolina, to be major First South Carolina Regiment (enlisted men), vice Major De Treville, promoted, to rank from January 20, 1864.

Capt. J. T. Wilson, of North Carolina, to be major Thirty-eighth North Carolina Regiment, vice Major Flowers, promoted, to rank from June 18, 1864.

Capt. Thomas E. Winn, of Georgia, to be major Twenty-fourth Georgia Regiment, vice Major McMillan, resigned, to rank from May 6, 1864.

Capt. J. H. Buchanan, of Mississippi, to be major Second Mississippi Regiment, vice Major Blair promoted, to rank from July 3, 1863.

Capt. John B. Rogers, of Kentucky, to be major Fourth Kentucky Regiment, vice Major Millett, killed, to rank from May 28, 1864.

Capt. John Loudermilk, of Georgia, to be major Thirty-sixth Georgia Regiment, vice Major Broyles, promoted, to rank from April 28, 1864.

Capt. J. R. Bell, of Mississippi, to be major Twelfth Mississippi Regiment, vice Major Thomas, promoted, to rank from March 19, 1864.

Capt. S. H. Terral, of Mississippi, to be major Thirty-seventh Mississippi Regiment, vice Major Wier, promoted, to rank from January 26, 1864.

Capt. J. L. Coker, of South Carolina, to be major Sixth South Carolina Regiment, vice Major White, promoted, to rank from May 6, 1864.

Capt. S. P. Dendy, of South Carolina, to be major Second South Carolina Rifle Regiment, vice Major Donald, promoted, to rank from January 22, 1864.

Capt. Jno. G. Harris, of Alabama, to be major Twentieth Alabama Regiment, vice Major Davis, promoted, to rank from April 23, 1864.

Capt. C. A. Conn, of Georgia, to be major Forty-fifth Georgia Regiment, vice Major Wallace, promoted, to rank from June 22, 1864.

Capt. W. E. Simmons, of Georgia, to be major Third Georgia Battalion Sharpshooters, vice Major Davant, promoted, to rank from September 18, 1863.

Capt. J. D. Frederick, of Georgia, to be major Tenth Georgia Battalion, vice Major Rylander, killed, to rank from June 2, 1864.

Capt. C. R. McAlpine, of Virginia, to be major Sixty-first Virginia Regiment, vice Major Stewart, promoted, to rank from May 12, 1864.

Capt. J. T. McElvany, of Georgia, to be major Thirty-fifth Georgia Regiment, vice Major Williams, deceased, to rank from May 19, 1864.

Capt. Robert A. Dean, of Mississippi, to be major Nineteenth Mississippi Regiment, vice Major Duncan, promoted, to rank from May 12, 1864.

Capt. B. R. Clyburn, of South Carolina, to be major Second South Carolina Regiment, vice Major Wallace, promoted, to rank from May 6, 1864.

Capt. R. P. Todd, of South Carolina, to be major Third South Carolina Regiment, vice Major Maffett, promoted, to rank from May 6, 1864.

Capt. J. P. Crawford, of Georgia, to be major Fifty-first Georgia Regiment, vice Major Dickey, promoted, to rank from January 14, 1864.

Capt. J. T. Hester, of Alabama, to be major Twenty-third Alabama Regiment, vice Major McMurray, resigned, to rank from May 28, 1864.

Capt. F. M. Raxdale, of Louisiana, to be major Sixteenth Louisiana Regiment, vice Major Lindsay, promoted, to rank from December 1, 1862.

Capt. J. M. Partlow, of South Carolina, to be major Twentieth South Carolina Regiment, vice Major McMichael, promoted, to rank from June 2, 1864.

Capt. W. J. Williams, of Georgia, to be major Forty-ninth Georgia Regiment, vice Major Pate, resigned, to rank from February 23, 1864.

Capt. E. H. Hampton, of North Carolina, to be major Twenty-ninth North Carolina Regiment, vice Major Proffitt, promoted, to rank from March 16, 1863.

Capt. E. Bruster, of Virginia, to be major Twenty-ninth Virginia Regiment, vice Major Smith, promoted, to rank from June 2, 1864.

Capt. L. Purdy, of Texas, to be major Fourteenth Texas Cavalry Regiment, vice Major Garrison, resigned, to rank from May 17, 1864.

Capt. James B. Duggan, of Georgia, to be major Forty-ninth Georgia Regiment, vice Major Durham, deceased, to rank from June 11, 1864.

Capt. John E. Kiser, of Georgia, to be major Seventh Georgia Regiment, vice Major Almon, promoted, to rank from July 27, 1864.

Capt. E. D. Brailsford, of South Carolina, to be major First South Carolina Regiment, vice Major Butler, promoted, to rank from June 19, 1864.

Capt. E. D. Willett, of Alabama, to be major Fortieth Alabama Regiment, vice Major Guley, promoted, to rank from May 5, 1864.

Capt. J. C. Bates, of Texas, to be major Ninth Texas Cavalry Regiment, vice Major Berry, promoted, to rank from October 2, 1863.

Capt. D. A. Grimsley, of Virginia, to be major Sixth Virginia Cavalry Regiment, vice Major Richards, promoted, to rank from June 4, 1864.

Capt. J. E. Binns, of Tennessee, to be major Eleventh Tennessee Regiment, vice Major Long, promoted, to rank from July 22, 1864.

Capt. Samuel A. Swann, of Virginia, to be major Ninth Virginia Cavalry Regiment, vice Major Lewis, promoted, to rank from May 9, 1864.

Capt. J. M. Wigginton, of Alabama, to be major Forty-eighth Alabama Regiment, vice Major Hardwick, promoted, to rank from June 17, 1863.

Capt. W. H. Martin, of Texas, to be major Fourth Texas Regiment, vice Major Winkler, promoted, to rank from April 29, 1864.

Capt. W. M. Robbins, of Alabama, to be major Fourth Alabama Regiment, vice Major Coleman, deceased, to rank from October 3, 1863.

Capt. G. W. Cary, of Alabama, to be major Forty-fourth Alabama Regiment, vice Major Jones, promoted, to rank from September 17, 1862.

Capt. J. H. McReynolds, of Texas, to be major Ninth Texas Regiment, vice Major Burnet, dropped, to rank from June 29, 1864.

Capt. Bradford Keith, of Missouri, to be major First Missouri Regiment, vice Major Burke, promoted, to rank from May 30, 1864.

Capt. James B. Dickey, of Alabama, to be major Fifty-fifth Alabama Regiment, vice Major Jones, killed, to rank from July 20, 1864.

Capt. D. R. Duncan, of South Carolina, to be major Thirteenth South Carolina Regiment, vice Major Lester, promoted, to rank from June 8, 1864.

Capt. J. W. Avery, of South Carolina, to be major Seventeenth South Carolina Regiment, vice Major Culp, promoted, to rank from August 29, 1864.

Capt. T. M. Barbour, of Alabama, to be major Forty-third Alabama Regiment, vice Major Hart, promoted, to rank from July 21, 1863.

Capt. M. Cullen, of Virginia, to be major Fourth Battalion, Troops Local Defense (Richmond), vice Major Minor, resigned, to rank from February 13, 1864.

Capt. J. J. A. Sharp, of Georgia, to be major Twenty-third Georgia Regiment, vice Major Ballenger, promoted, to rank from December 15, 1863.

Capt. W. H. Rentfro, of Georgia, to be major Twenty-seventh Georgia Regiment, vice Major Bussey, promoted, to rank from June 24, 1864.

Capt. C. C. Kelley, of Georgia, to be major Fourteenth Georgia Regiment, vice Major Goldsmith, promoted, to rank from May 8, 1864.

Capt. W. B. Hundley, of Georgia, to be major Fifth Georgia Regiment, vice Major Ansley, retired, to rank from September 14, 1864.

Capt. D. S. Davis, of North Carolina, to be major Sixty-sixth North Carolina Regiment, vice Major Wright, promoted, to rank from July 14, 1864.

Capt. W. T. Hendon, of Mississippi, to be major Sixth Mississippi Regiment, vice Major Borden, promoted, to rank from August 2, 1864.

Capt. Camp Flournoy, of Louisiana, to be major Nineteenth Louisiana Regiment, vice Major Scott, killed, to rank from May 26, 1864.

Capt. A. E. Moody, of Mississippi, to be major Eighth Mississippi Regiment, vice Major Watkins, killed, to rank from May 14, 1864.

Capt. William D. Shelton, of Virginia, to be major Fourteenth Virginia Regiment, vice Major White, promoted, to rank from August 8, 1864.

Capt. R. B. Fauntleroy, of Virginia, to be major Fifty-fifth Virginia Regiment, vice Major Lawson, killed, to rank from August 19, 1864.

Capt. A. Pieolet, of Louisiana, to be major Thirtieth Louisiana Regiment, vice Major Bell, promoted, to rank from July 28, 1864.

Capt. George W. Jones, of Tennessee, to be major Third Tennessee Regiment, vice Major Barber, deceased, to rank from May 21, 1864.

Captains.

First Lieut. M. King, of South Carolina, to be captain, First South Carolina Regiment (enlisted men), vice Captain Adams, promoted, to rank from January 20, 1864.

First Lieut. J. M. Rhett, of South Carolina, to be captain, First South Carolina Regiment Artillery, vice Captain Fleming, promoted, to rank from June 2, 1864.

First Lieut. C. Inglesby, of South Carolina, to be captain, First South Carolina Regiment Artillery, vice Captain Mitchel, killed, to rank from July 20, 1864.

First lieutenants.

Second Lieut. E. M. Whaley, of South Carolina, to be first lieutenant, First South Carolina Regiment (enlisted men), vice Lieutenant King, promoted, to rank from January 20, 1864.

Second Lieut. J. L. Wardlaw, of South Carolina, to be first lieutenant, First South Carolina Regiment (enlisted men), vice Lieutenant Marshall, resigned, to rank from March 14, 1864.

Second Lieut. T. A. Middleton, of South Carolina, to be first lieutenant, First South Carolina Regiment Artillery, vice Lieutenant Rhett, promoted, to rank from June 2, 1864.

Second Lieut. E. B. Middleton, of South Carolina, to be first lieutenant, First South Carolina Regiment Artillery, vice Lieutenant Inglesby, promoted, to rank from July 20, 1864.

Second Lieut. W. F. Colcock, of South Carolina, to be first lieutenant, First South Carolina Regiment Artillery, vice Lieutenant Grinnall, deceased, to rank from July 27, 1864.

Second Lieut. H. P. Clark, of Georgia, to be first lieutenant, First Georgia Regiment (enlisted men), vice Lieutenant Benning, resigned, to rank from July 4, 1863.

Second Lieut. B. H. Hudson, of Georgia, to be first lieutenant, First Georgia Regiment (enlisted men), vice Lieutenant Lamar, resigned, to rank from August 30, 1862.

I am, sir, respectfully, your obedient servant,

JAMES A. SEDDON,
Secretary of War.

To His Excellency JEFFERSON DAVIS,
President, &c.

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT, *Richmond, December 13, 1864.*

To the Senate of the Confederate States:

Agreeably to the recommendation of the Secretary of War, I nominate the officers on the accompanying list to the grades affixed to their names, respectively.

JEFFERSON DAVIS.

No. 65.] WAR DEPARTMENT, *Richmond, December 10, 1864.*

SIR: I have the honor to recommend the following nominations for appointment in the Provisional Army of the Confederate States of America:

Aids-de-camp—first lieutenants.

B. H. Blanton, of Texas, aid to General Hood, Army of Tennessee (an original vacancy), to rank from November 1, 1864.

Charles W. Digges, of Virginia, aid to Brig. Gen. W. H. Payne, Army of Northern Virginia (an original vacancy), to rank from November 7, 1864.

P. G. Johnson, of Tennessee, aid to Brigadier-General Quarles, Army of Tennessee, vice Lieut. A. Johnson, killed, to rank from September 4, 1864.

D. H. Reid, of Tennessee, aid to Brig. Gen. S. R. Anderson (an original vacancy), to rank from November 27, 1864.

J. E. Porter, of North Carolina, aid to Brig. Gen. W. MacRae, Army of Northern Virginia (an original vacancy), to rank from November 21, 1864.

I am, sir, respectfully, your obedient servant,

JAMES A. SEDDON,
Secretary of War.

To His Excellency JEFFERSON DAVIS,
President, &c.

The messages were severally read.

Ordered. That they be referred to the Committee on Military Affairs.

The following message was received from the President of the Confederate States, by Mr. B. N. Harrison, his Secretary:

To the Senate of the Confederate States:

Agreeably to the recommendation of the Secretary of the Navy, I nominate the person named on the annexed list to the office designated.

JEFFERSON DAVIS.

RICHMOND, VA., *December 13, 1864.*

No. 7.] NAVY DEPARTMENT, *Richmond, December 12, 1864.*

THE PRESIDENT.

SIR: I have the honor to recommend the following nomination for appointment in the Provisional Navy:

Master, in the line of promotion.

J. A. G. Williamson, of Virginia, acting midshipman in the Navy, to rank from the 2d day of June, 1864, and next after Master William P. Hamilton.

I am, respectfully, your obedient servant,

S. R. MALLORY,
Secretary of the Navy.

The message was read.

Ordered. That it be referred to the Committee on Naval Affairs.

On motion by Mr. Sparrow,

The Senate resolved into open legislative session.

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 15, 1864.

OPEN SESSION.

The President laid before the Senate the memorial of adjutants of regiments composing Benning's brigade, praying an increase of rank, and that they be placed in the line of promotion; which was referred to the Committee on Military Affairs.

Mr. Barnwell, from the Committee on Finance, to whom was referred the bill (H. R. 243) to regulate the pay and mileage of members, and the compensation of officers of the Senate and House of Representatives, reported it with the recommendation that it ought not to pass.

Mr. Semmes, from the Committee on the Judiciary, to whom was referred the bill (S. 140) to guard against improper constructions of the tax laws by the officers charged with the execution of the same, reported it with an amendment.

Ordered, That the bill and amendment be printed.

The Senate resumed, as in Committee of the Whole, the consideration of the bill (H. R. 214) to define and punish conspiracy against the Confederate States.

The amendment reported from the Committee on the Judiciary having been agreed to.

On motion by Mr. Graham, further to amend the bill by striking out the following proviso:

Provided, That any person charged with any offense mentioned in this act, if such person be in the military or naval service of the Confederate States, may be tried by a military court or court martial, and, if found guilty, shall be punished by fine and imprisonment, as hereinbefore provided, or such other punishment, not capital, as the court shall adjudge; and if the person charged be not in the military or naval service as aforesaid, such person shall be tried in the district court of the Confederate States for the proper district,

It was determined in the negative,	{	Yeas	5
		Nays	11

On motion by Mr. Graham,

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present,
Those who voted in the affirmative are,

Messrs. Graham, Johnson of Georgia, Maxwell, Orr, and Watson.

Those who voted in the negative are,

Messrs. Baker, Barnwell, Caperton, Dortch, Garland, Henry, Hill, Hunter, Johnson of Missouri, Semmes, and Sparrow.

No further amendment being made, the bill was reported to the Senate and the amendment was concurred in.

Ordered, That the amendment be engrossed and the bill read a third time.

The said bill as amended was read the third time.

On the question,

Shall the bill now pass?

It was determined in the affirmative,	{	Yeas	10
		Nays	6

On motion by Mr. Orr,

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present,
Those who voted in the affirmative are,

Messrs. Baker, Barnwell, Caperton, Dortch, Garland, Henry, Hill, Johnson of Missouri, Semmes, and Sparrow.

Those who voted in the negative are,

Messrs. Graham, Hunter, Johnson of Georgia, Maxwell, Orr, and Watson.

So it was

Resolved, That this bill pass with an amendment.

Ordered, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the House of Representatives in the amendment.

On motion by Mr. Hill,

The Senate resolved into secret legislative session.

The doors having been opened,

On motion by Mr. Barnwell,

The Senate adjourned.

SECRET SESSION.

Mr. Watson, from the Committee on the Judiciary, to whom was referred the bill (H. R. 267) to suspend the privilege of the writ of habeas corpus in certain cases for a limited time, reported it without amendment.

The Senate proceeded, as in Committee of the Whole, to the consideration of the said bill; and

On motion by Mr. Graham, that the further consideration of the bill be postponed to and made the special order for Saturday next, at 1 o'clock,

It was determined in the negative.

On motion by Mr. Henry,

Ordered, That the further consideration of the bill be postponed to and made the special order for to-morrow, at 1 o'clock.

On motion by Mr. Semmes,

The Senate resolved into open legislative session.

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 16, 1864.

OPEN SESSION.

Mr. Johnson of Georgia presented the memorial of J. S. Whitten, praying the exemption of certain lands in Hancock County, Ga., from taxation by the Confederate Government; which was referred to the Committee on Finance.

Mr. Brown, from the Committee on Naval Affairs, to whom was referred the bill (S. 137) to establish the flag of the Confederate States, reported it without amendment.

The Senate proceeded, as in Committee of the Whole, to the consideration of the said bill; and

On motion by Mr. Brown,

Ordered, That it be referred to the Committee on Military Affairs.

Mr. Baker, from the Committee on Post-Offices and Post-Roads, to whom was referred the bill (H. R. 261) to amend an act of the Provisional Congress entitled "An act relating to the prepayment of postage in certain cases," approved July 29, 1861, reported it without amendment.

Mr. Graham submitted the following resolution; which was considered and agreed to:

Resolved, That the Committee on Finance be instructed to inquire, in cases of payment of tithes of crops grown on rented land, whether credit shall be allowed to the landlord or tenant, or apportioned between them.

The Senate resumed, as in Committee of the Whole, the consideration of the bill (S. 132) to regulate the supplies of clothing to midshipmen of the Navy; and no further amendment being proposed, the bill was reported to the Senate and the amendment was concurred in.

Ordered, That the bill be engrossed and read a third time.

The said bill was read the third time.

Resolved, That it pass, and that the title thereof be as aforesaid.

Ordered, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the House of Representatives therein.

The Senate resumed, as in Committee of the Whole, the consideration of the bill (S. 122) regulating the compensation of postmasters, special agents, and route agents; and

On motion by Mr. Baker,

Ordered, That the further consideration thereof be postponed until to-morrow.

The Senate proceeded, as in Committee of the Whole, to the consideration of the bill (H. R. 243) to regulate the pay and mileage of members, and the compensation of officers of the Senate and House of Representatives; and

On motion by Mr. Sparrow,

Ordered, That the further consideration thereof be postponed until Monday next.

The Senate resumed, as in Committee of the Whole, the consideration of the bill (S. 134) to increase the maximum rates of compensation allowed to railroad companies for the transportation of the mails of the Confederate States; and

On motion by Mr. Hill,

Ordered, That the further consideration thereof be postponed until to-morrow.

On motion by Mr. Hill,

The Senate resolved into secret legislative session.

The doors having been opened,

The following messages were received from the President of the Confederate States, by Mr. B. N. Harrison, his Secretary:

RICHMOND, VA., December 15, 1864.

To the Senate and House of Representatives:

I herewith transmit for your consideration a communication from the Secretary of the Treasury relative to certain transfers of appropriations required in connection with the service of his Department.

JEFFERSON DAVIS.

RICHMOND, VA., December 15, 1864.

To the Senate and House of Representatives:

I herewith transmit for your consideration a communication from the Secretary of War relative to the amount to be appropriated for a purpose for which he has already submitted an estimate.

JEFFERSON DAVIS.

The messages were severally read.

Ordered, That they be referred to the Committee on Finance.

On motion by Mr. Maxwell,

The Senate adjourned.

SECRET SESSION.

The Senate resumed, as in Committee of the Whole, the consideration of the bill (H. R. 267) to suspend the privilege of the writ of habeas corpus in certain cases for a limited time.

On motion by Mr. Hill, to amend the bill by striking out, section 1, lines 49, 50, 51, and 52, the words

Of persons seeking to avoid or be discharged from the military service of the Confederate States by means of the writ of habeas corpus, unless the writ be issued in any such case by a court or judge of the Confederate States of America,

It was determined in the affirmative.

An amendment having been proposed by Mr. Orr,

After debate,

On motion by Mr. Brown,

The Senate resolved into executive session.

EXECUTIVE SESSION.

Mr. Brown, from the Committee on Naval Affairs, to whom was referred (on the 14th instant) the nomination of J. A. G. Williamson, to be master, in the line of promotion, reported, with the recommendation that said nomination be confirmed.

The Senate proceeded to consider said report; and in concurrence therewith, it was

Resolved, That the Senate advise and consent to his appointment, agreeably to the nomination of the President.

The following message was received from the President of the Confederate States, by Mr. B. N. Harrison, his Secretary:

RICHMOND, VA., December 15, 1864.

To the Senate of the Confederate States:

I herewith transmit for your information a communication from the Postmaster-General relative to the removal of E. R. Riossat and James M. Smythe from office as postmaster at Alexandria, La., and Augusta, Ga., respectively.

JEFFERSON DAVIS.

The message was read.

Ordered, That it be referred to the Committee on Post-Offices and Post-Roads.

The following message was received from the President of the Confederate States, by Mr. B. N. Harrison, his Secretary:

RICHMOND, VA., December 15, 1864.

To the Senate of the Confederate States:

Agreeably to the recommendation of the Postmaster-General, I hereby nominate the persons named upon the annexed list to the offices designated.

JEFFERSON DAVIS.

POST-OFFICE DEPARTMENT, CONFEDERATE STATES OF AMERICA,

Richmond, December 13, 1864.

To the PRESIDENT.

SIR: I have the honor to recommend for appointment, by and with the advice and consent of the Senate, the following-named persons who were appointed during the recess of that body:

August 25, 1864, John R. Taylor, Taylorsville, Va.

October 12, 1864, R. M. Kilpatrick, Alexandria, La., vice E. R. Riossat, removed.

October 22, 1864, Benjamin F. Hall, Augusta, Ga., vice James M. Smythe, removed.

October 22, 1864, William J. Price, Wilmington, N. C.

October 29, 1864, William Barry, Covington, Ga.

I have the honor to recommend, also, for confirmation by the Senate, the following appointments made since the opening of the present adjourned session of Congress:

December 2, 1864, G. H. Landon, Salem, Va.

December 2, 1864, William R. Duval, Morganton, N. C.

Very respectfully, your obedient servant,

JOHN H. REAGAN,
Postmaster-General.

The message was read.

Ordered, That it be referred to the Committee on Post-Offices and Post-Roads.

The following message was received from the President of the Confederate States, by Mr. B. N. Harrison, his Secretary:

RICHMOND, VA., *December 15, 1864.*

To the Senate of the Confederate States:

I herewith transmit for your information a communication from the Secretary of State, covering further copies of his correspondence with our commissioners abroad, referred to in my message of the 7th ultimo.

JEFFERSON DAVIS.

The message was read.

Ordered, That it be referred to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

The following messages were received from the President of the Confederate States, by Mr. B. N. Harrison, his Secretary:

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT, CONFEDERATE STATES OF AMERICA,
Richmond, December 15, 1864.

To the Senate of the Confederate States:

Agreeably to the recommendation of the Secretary of War, I nominate Powhatan Lockett, of Alabama, to be a military storekeeper, Engineer Corps, with pay and allowance of captain of infantry (under act approved February 17, 1864) in the Provisional Army of the Confederate States of America.

JEFFERSON DAVIS.

No. 78.]

WAR DEPARTMENT, CONFEDERATE STATES OF AMERICA,
Richmond, December 14, 1864.

SIR: I have the honor to recommend the nomination of Powhatan Lockett, of Alabama, to be a military storekeeper, Engineer Corps, with pay and allowance of captain of infantry (under act approved February 17, 1864) in the Provisional Army of the Confederate States of America (an original vacancy), to rank from October 18, 1864.

I am, sir, respectfully, your obedient servant,

JAMES A. SEDDON,
Secretary of War.

To His Excellency JEFFERSON DAVIS,
President, etc.

2.]

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT, CONFEDERATE STATES OF AMERICA,
Richmond, December 15, 1864.

To the Senate of the Confederate States:

Agreeably to the recommendation of the Secretary of War, I nominate the officers on the accompanying list to the grades affixed to their names, respectively.

JEFFERSON DAVIS.

No. 72.]

WAR DEPARTMENT, CONFEDERATE STATES OF AMERICA,
Richmond, December 13, 1864.

SIR: I have the honor to recommend the following nominations for appointment in the Provisional Army of the Confederate States of America (for distinguished valor and skill):

Majors.

Capt. C. S. Land, of South Carolina, to be major Twenty-sixth South Carolina Infantry Regiment, vice Major Rowell, resigned, to rank from December 9, 1864.

Capt. C. W. McClammy, of North Carolina, to be major Forty-first North Carolina Regiment (Third Cavalry), vice Major Moore, promoted, to rank from December 9, 1864.

I am, sir, respectfully, your obedient servant,

JAMES A. SEDDON,
Secretary of War.

To His Excellency JEFFERSON DAVIS,
President, etc.

3.] EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT, CONFEDERATE STATES OF AMERICA,
Richmond, December 15, 1864.

To the Senate of the Confederate States:

Agreeably to the recommendation of the Secretary of War, I nominate J. W. Allen, of Missouri, to be a military storekeeper of ordnance, with pay and allowance of first lieutenant of infantry (under act approved May 1, 1863) in the Provisional Army of the Confederate States of America.

JEFFERSON DAVIS.

No. 84.] WAR DEPARTMENT, CONFEDERATE STATES OF AMERICA,
Richmond, December 15, 1864.

SIR: I have the honor to recommend the nomination of J. W. Allen, of Missouri, to be a military storekeeper of ordnance, with pay and allowance of first lieutenant of infantry (under act approved May 1, 1863) in the Provisional Army of the Confederate States of America, vice Lieutenant Clark, deceased, to rank from June 23, 1864.

I am, sir, respectfully, your obedient servant,

JAMES A. SEDDON,
Secretary of War.

To His Excellency JEFFERSON DAVIS,
President, etc.

4.] EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT, CONFEDERATE STATES OF AMERICA,
Richmond, December 15, 1864.

To the Senate of the Confederate States:

Agreeably to the recommendation of the Secretary of War, I nominate the officers on the accompanying list to the grades affixed to their names, respectively.

JEFFERSON DAVIS.

No. 74.] WAR DEPARTMENT, CONFEDERATE STATES OF AMERICA,
Richmond, December 13, 1864.

SIR: I have the honor to recommend the following nominations for appointment in the Provisional Army of the Confederate States of America:

Lieutenant-colonel.

Haley M. Carter, of Louisiana, to be lieutenant-colonel Eighteenth Louisiana Battalion Cavalry (formed, by special order, of unattached companies), to rank from November 21, 1864.

Majors.

H. N. Sherburne, of Louisiana, to be major Eighteenth Louisiana Battalion Cavalry (formed, by special order, of unattached companies), to rank from November 21, 1864.

J. S. Terry, of Mississippi, to be major Twenty-third Mississippi Battalion Cavalry (formed, by special order, of unattached companies), to rank from November 21, 1864.

I am, sir, respectfully, your obedient servant,

JAMES A. SEDDON,
Secretary of War.

To His Excellency JEFFERSON DAVIS,
President, etc.

5.] EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT, CONFEDERATE STATES OF AMERICA,
Richmond, December 15, 1864.
To the Senate of the Confederate States:

Agreeably to the recommendation of the Secretary of War, I nominate J. D. Stoney, of South Carolina, to be second lieutenant Company D, Twenty-seventh South Carolina Infantry Regiment (for distinguished valor and skill), in the Provisional Army of the Confederate States of America.

JEFFERSON DAVIS.

No. 73.] WAR DEPARTMENT, CONFEDERATE STATES OF AMERICA,
Richmond, December 13, 1864.

SIR: I have the honor to recommend the nomination of J. D. Stoney, of South Carolina, to be second lieutenant Company D, Twenty-seventh South Carolina Infantry Regiment (for distinguished valor and skill), in the Provisional Army of the Confederate States of America, vice Lieutenant Lance, killed, to rank from December 9, 1864.

I am, sir, respectfully, your obedient servant,

JAMES A. SEDDON,
Secretary of War.

To His Excellency JEFFERSON DAVIS,
President, &c.

6.] EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT, CONFEDERATE STATES OF AMERICA,
Richmond, December 15, 1864.

To the Senate of the Confederate States:

Agreeably to the recommendation of the Secretary of War, I nominate the officers on the accompanying list to the grades affixed to their names, respectively.

JEFFERSON DAVIS.

No. 75.] WAR DEPARTMENT, CONFEDERATE STATES OF AMERICA,
Richmond, December 13, 1864.

SIR: I have the honor to recommend the following nominations for appointment in the Provisional Army of the Confederate States of America:

Quartermasters—majors.

E. N. Woodland, of Arkansas, to rank from June 15, 1864.
 Douglas West, of Louisiana, to rank from August 8, 1864.
 Addison Craft, of Mississippi, to rank from July 26, 1864.
 John Ryan, of Alabama, to rank from June 15, 1864.
 M. L. Strong, of Mississippi, to rank from June 15, 1864.
 A. J. Hawthorn, of Arkansas, to rank from June 15, 1864.
 C. M. Bradford, of Texas, to rank from June 15, 1864.
 E. A. Burk, of Georgia, to rank from June 15, 1864.
 George Tucker, of Louisiana, to rank from June 15, 1864.
 C. W. Gassett, of Tennessee, to rank from June 15, 1864.
 G. R. Fairbanks, of Florida, to rank from June 15, 1864.
 R. T. Scott, of Virginia, to rank from June 15, 1864.
 J. R. Viley, of Tennessee, to rank from June 15, 1864.
 R. H. Bigger, of Virginia, to rank from August 26, 1864.

Assistant quartermasters—captains.

J. J. Brown, of South Carolina, to rank from July 11, 1864.
 H. Richardson, of Louisiana, to rank from June 15, 1864.
 E. A. Hickman, of Missouri, to rank from July 29, 1864.
 John C. Maben, of Virginia, to rank from July 29, 1864.
 William F. Bell, of Kentucky, to rank from August 3, 1864.
 J. M. Hanger, of Virginia, to rank from July 29, 1864.
 Charles A. Smith, of Tennessee, to rank from August 6, 1864.
 J. S. Richardson, of South Carolina, to rank from August 20, 1864.
 P. B. Jones, jr., of Virginia, to rank from June 15, 1864.
 N. T. Green, of Virginia, to rank from June 15, 1864.
 B. H. Smith, of Virginia, to rank from June 15, 1864.
 S. A. Shortridge, of Mississippi, to rank from June 15, 1864.
 W. G. Raoul, of Louisiana, to rank from June 15, 1864.
 E. C. Payne, of Texas, to rank from June 15, 1864.
 P. H. Mayo, of Virginia, to rank from June 15, 1864.
 S. W. Morgan, of Tennessee, to rank from June 15, 1864.

Charles Vidor, of Texas, to rank from June 15, 1864.
 W. R. Price, of Virginia, to rank from June 15, 1864.
 S. C. Head, of Louisiana, to rank from June 15, 1864.
 J. B. Goodloe, of Kentucky, to rank from June 15, 1864.
 Fred. Emory, of Kansas, to rank from June 15, 1864.
 Z. A. Philips, of Mississippi, to rank from June 15, 1864.
 James Beaty, of South Carolina, to rank from June 15, 1864.
 Frank Arnold, of Georgia, to rank from June 15, 1864.
 J. Crockford, of Virginia, to rank from June 15, 1864.
 D. H. White, of Tennessee, to rank from June 15, 1864.
 W. D. Leiper, of Arkansas, to rank from June 15, 1864.
 A. S. English, of Kentucky, to rank from June 15, 1864.
 W. D. Douglas, of Texas, to rank from October 15, 1864.
 J. W. James, of Virginia, to rank from September 27, 1864.

I am, sir, respectfully, your obedient servant,

JAMES A. SEDDON,
Secretary of War.

To His Excellency JEFFERSON DAVIS,
President, etc.

7.] EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT, CONFEDERATE STATES OF AMERICA,
Richmond, December 15, 1864.

To the Senate of the Confederate States:

Agreeably to the recommendation of the Secretary of War, I nominate the officers on the accompanying list to the grades affixed to their names, respectively.

JEFFERSON DAVIS.

No. 79.] WAR DEPARTMENT, CONFEDERATE STATES OF AMERICA,
Richmond, December 14, 1864.

SIR: I have the honor to recommend the following nominations for appointment in the Provisional Army of the Confederate States of America:

ARTILLERY OFFICERS, FOR ORDNANCE DUTY, UNDER ACTS APPROVED APRIL 21, 1862,
 SEPTEMBER 16, 1862, AND JUNE 10, 1864.

First lieutenants.

C. H. Luzenburg, of Louisiana, to take rank from July 1, 1864.
 H. D. Danforth, of South Carolina, to take rank from July 23, 1864.

Second lieutenants.

A. M. Aiken, of South Carolina, to rank from July 29, 1864.
 J. H. Ancrum, of South Carolina, to rank from July 29, 1864.
 W. N. Mebane, of North Carolina, to rank from August 22, 1864.
 R. W. Boyd, of South Carolina, to rank from August 24, 1864.
 James M. Wise, of Alabama, to rank from September 6, 1864.
 William Glenn, of Kentucky, to rank from September 22, 1864.

I am, sir, respectfully, your obedient servant,

JAMES A. SEDDON,
Secretary of War.

To His Excellency JEFFERSON DAVIS,
President, etc.

8.] EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT, CONFEDERATE STATES OF AMERICA,
Richmond, December 15, 1864.

To the Senate of the Confederate States:

Agreeably to the recommendation of the Secretary of War, I nominate the officers on the accompanying list to the grades affixed to their names, respectively.

JEFFERSON DAVIS.

No. 76.] WAR DEPARTMENT, CONFEDERATE STATES OF AMERICA,
Richmond, December 13, 1864.

SIR: I have the honor to recommend the following nominations for appointment in the Provisional Army of the Confederate States of America:

Commissaries—majors.

W. T. Gary, of South Carolina, to rank from July 19, 1864.
 James L. Armstrong, of Tennessee, to rank from June 14, 1864.
 Horace W. Jones, of Virginia, to rank from August 20, 1864.
 D. H. C. Spence, of Tennessee, to rank from September 7, 1864.
 T. A. Cromwell, of Tennessee, to rank from November 2, 1864.
 C. H. Parmalee, of ———, to rank from November 2, 1864.
 Jos. W. Urquhart, of Virginia, to rank from November 5, 1864.

Assistant commissaries—captains.

Lewis E. Harvie, of Virginia, to rank from December 13, 1862.
 John M. Strother, of Virginia, to rank from July 9, 1864.
 W. W. Meriwether, of Tennessee, to rank from June 15, 1864.
 J. J. Blackwell, of Tennessee, to rank from July 26, 1864.
 J. H. Devereux, of South Carolina, to rank from July 26, 1864.
 W. H. Flynn, of South Carolina, to rank from July 26, 1864.
 M. J. Clancy, of Florida, to rank from July 28, 1864.
 E. M. Griffin, of South Carolina, to rank from July 27, 1864.
 Robert Burns, of Texas, to rank from June 14, 1864.
 J. C. Abrams, of Louisiana, to rank from August 4, 1864.
 J. H. Demund, of Georgia, to rank from June 15, 1864.
 L. F. Choice, of Georgia, to rank from June 15, 1864.
 J. N. Williams, of Georgia, to rank from June 15, 1864.
 A. Dawson, of Georgia, to rank from June 15, 1864.
 E. G. Pearl, of Georgia, to rank from June 15, 1864.
 Jos. S. James, of Virginia, to rank from August 20, 1864.
 L. F. Lucado, of Virginia, to rank from June 15, 1864.
 Walton Smith, of Arkansas, to rank from June 15, 1864.
 J. J. Lock, of ———, to rank from June 15, 1864.
 George W. Long, of Georgia, to rank from June 15, 1864.
 James McKay, of Florida, to rank from September 1, 1864.
 J. W. Baker, of Alabama, to rank from June 15, 1864.
 J. S. Carpenter, of Kentucky, to rank from June 15, 1864.
 I. Shelby, jr., of Kentucky, to rank from September 20, 1864.
 A. W. Harris, of Tennessee, to rank from October 26, 1864.
 W. D. Van Dyke, of Virginia, to rank from November 2, 1864.

I am, sir, respectfully, your obedient servant,

JAMES A. SEDDON,
Secretary of War.

To His Excellency JEFFERSON DAVIS,
President, &c.

9.] EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT, CONFEDERATE STATES OF AMERICA,
Richmond, December 15, 1864.

To the Senate of the Confederate States:

Agreeably to the recommendation of the Secretary of War, I nominate the officers on the accompanying list (for promotion) to the grades affixed to their names, respectively.

JEFFERSON DAVIS.

No. 82.] WAR DEPARTMENT, CONFEDERATE STATES OF AMERICA,
Richmond, December 15, 1864.

SIR: I have the honor to recommend the following nominations for appointment in the Provisional Army of the Confederate States of America:

CORPS OF ENGINEERS.

Captains.

J. W. Robertson, of Alabama, to rank from October 19, 1864.
 Robert H. Lucas, of South Carolina, to rank from October 19, 1864.
 John Postell, of Georgia, to rank from October 19, 1864.
 H. A. Pattison, of Tennessee, to rank from October 19, 1864.

First lieutenants.

William Tennant, of South Carolina, to rank from October 19, 1864.
 T. A. Evans, of Florida, to rank from October 19, 1864.
 C. G. de L'Isle, of Louisiana, to rank from October 19, 1864.
 John M. Searles, of Mississippi, to rank from October 19, 1864.
 G. O. Elms, of Mississippi, to rank from October 19, 1864.

Second lieutenants.

H. M. Scales, of Mississippi, to rank from July 20, 1864.
 W. H. Johnson, of Alabama, to rank from October 19, 1864.
 William Hume, of South Carolina, to rank from October 19, 1864.
 James D. Harris, of Georgia, to rank from October 19, 1864.
 Jos. B. Bond, Georgia, to rank from October 19, 1864.
 S. W. Hill, of Louisiana, to rank from October 19, 1864.
 F. S. Robertson, of Virginia, to rank from October 19, 1864.
 N. B. Whitfield, of Alabama, to rank from October 19, 1864.

I am, sir, respectfully, your obedient servant,

JAMES A. SEDDON,
Secretary of War.

To His Excellency JEFFERSON DAVIS,
President, &c.

10.] EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT, CONFEDERATE STATES OF AMERICA,
Richmond, December 15, 1864.
To the Senate of the Confederate States:

Agreeably to the recommendation of the Secretary of War, I nominate the officers on the accompanying list to the grades affixed to their names, respectively.

JEFFERSON DAVIS.

No. 80.] WAR DEPARTMENT, CONFEDERATE STATES OF AMERICA,
Richmond, December 15, 1864.

SIR: I have the honor to recommend the following nominations for appointment in the Provisional Army of the Confederate States of America:

MILITARY COURTS.

Members.

Carlos Tracy, of South Carolina, to rank from June 24, 1864.
 James E. Bailey, of Tennessee, to rank from July 14, 1864.
 Edward Cantwell, of North Carolina, to rank from October 15, 1864.
 A. R. Boteler, of Virginia, to rank from November 1, 1864.

Judge-advocate.

T. S. Taliaferro, of Virginia, to rank from November 4, 1864.

I am, sir, respectfully, your obedient servant,

JAMES A. SEDDON,
Secretary of War.

To His Excellency JEFFERSON DAVIS,
President, &c.

11.] EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT, CONFEDERATE STATES OF AMERICA,
Richmond, December 15, 1864.
To the Senate of the Confederate States:

Agreeably to the recommendation of the Secretary of War, I nominate the officers on the accompanying list to the grades affixed to their names, respectively.

JEFFERSON DAVIS.

No. 77.] WAR DEPARTMENT, CONFEDERATE STATES OF AMERICA,
Richmond, December 14, 1864.

SIR: I have the honor to recommend the following nominations for appointment in the Provisional Army of the Confederate States of America:

ARTILLERY OFFICERS, UNDER ACT 359, APPROVED JANUARY 22, 1862.

Lieutenant-colonels.

Marshall J. Smith, of Louisiana, to rank from November 2, 1864.
J. W. Atkinson, of Virginia, to rank from December 18, 1862.

Majors.

T. B. Ferguson, of South Carolina, to rank from June 15, 1864.
J. A. A. West, of Louisiana, to rank from August 3, 1864.
J. G. Blount, of Virginia, to rank from October 27, 1864.

I am, sir, respectfully, your obedient servant,

JAMES A. SEDDON,
Secretary of War.

To His Excellency JEFFERSON DAVIS,
President, &c.

12.] EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT, CONFEDERATE STATES OF AMERICA,
Richmond, December 15, 1864.

To the Senate of the Confederate States:

Agreeably to the recommendation of the Secretary of War, I nominate James E. Cuthbert, of Virginia, to be aid-de-camp, with rank of major of cavalry (under act approved March 25, 1862) in the Provisional Army of the Confederate States of America.

JEFFERSON DAVIS.

No. 83.] WAR DEPARTMENT, CONFEDERATE STATES OF AMERICA,
Richmond, December 15, 1864.

SIR: I have the honor to recommend the nomination of James E. Cuthbert, of Virginia, to be aid-de-camp, with the rank of major of cavalry (under act approved March 25, 1862) in the Provisional Army of the Confederate States of America (for duty with General Bragg), vice Major Marshall, appointed lieutenant-colonel and assistant adjutant-general, to date from October 17, 1864.

I am, sir, respectfully, your obedient servant,

JAMES A. SEDDON,
Secretary of War.

To His Excellency JEFFERSON DAVIS,
President, &c.

The messages were severally read.

Ordered, That they be referred to the Committee on Military Affairs.

On motion by Mr. Brown.

The Senate resolved into open legislative session.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 17, 1864.

OPEN SESSION.

A message from the House of Representatives, by Mr. Dalton:

Mr. President: The House of Representatives have passed a bill (H. R. 283) to amend an act entitled "An act providing for the establishment and payment of claims for a certain description of property taken or informally impressed for the use of the Army," approved June 14, 1864; in which they request the concurrence of the Senate.

The President of the Confederate States has notified the House of Representatives that on the 13th instant he approved and signed an act (H. R. 190) concerning the emoluments and pay of the clerk of the district court of the Confederate States of America for the eastern district of Virginia.

And that on the 15th instant he approved and signed an act (H. R. 270) to provide for the printing ordered by either House of Congress.

A message having been received from the President of the Confederate States, by Mr. B. N. Harrison, his Secretary, in response to a resolution of the Senate of the 5th instant, calling upon the President

for certain information in regard to the operation, under the regulations made by the Government, of the act to impose regulations upon the foreign commerce of the Confederate States to provide for the public defense, approved 6th February, 1864;

Before the reading of the message.

On motion by Mr. Graham.

Ordered, That it be transferred to the Secret Legislative Calendar.

On motion by Mr. Hill,

The Senate resolved into secret legislative session.

The doors having been opened.

The President laid before the Senate a communication from the Secretary of the Treasury, asking the passage of a law authorizing him to redeem and cancel, before maturity, such bonds and notes as may be received in payment of sequestered property; which was read.

Ordered, That it be referred to the Committee on Finance.

Mr. Brown, from the Committee on Naval Affairs, reported

A bill (S. 141) to increase the pay of noncommissioned officers, privates, and musicians of the Marine Corps; which was read the first and second times and ordered to be placed upon the Calendar.

Mr. Brown, from the Committee on Naval Affairs, reported the following bills; which were severally read the first and second times and ordered to be placed upon the Calendar and printed:

S. 142. Bill to increase the number of acting midshipmen in the Navy, and to prescribe the mode of appointment;

S. 143. Bill to authorize the employment of instructors for the acting midshipmen of the Navy, and to regulate their pay;

S. 144. Bill making an appropriation for the erection of additional buildings at Drewry's Bluff for the accommodation of acting midshipmen; and

S. 145. Bill to authorize the appointment of naval constructors in the Provisional Navy, and to fix their pay.

Mr. Brown, from the Committee on Naval Affairs, reported

A bill (S. 146) making an appropriation for the removal and erection of the naval ropewalk; which was read the first and second times and considered as in Committee of the Whole; and no amendment being proposed, it was reported to the Senate.

Ordered, That it be engrossed and read a third time.

The said bill was read the third time.

Resolved, That it pass, and that the title thereof be as aforesaid.

Ordered, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the House of Representatives therein.

On motion by Mr. Brown,

Ordered, That the Committee on Naval Affairs be discharged from the further consideration of the memorial of professors in the Confederate States Naval School.

Mr. Barnwell, from the Committee on Finance, reported

A bill (S. 147) to provide for the transfer of certain appropriations; which was read the first and second times and considered as in Committee of the Whole; and no amendment being proposed, it was reported to the Senate.

Ordered, That it be engrossed and read a third time.

The said bill was read the third time.

Resolved, That it pass, and that the title thereof be as aforesaid.

Ordered, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the House of Representatives therein.

On motion by Mr. Barnwell,

Ordered, That the Committee on Finance be discharged from the further consideration of the following subjects:

Memorial of J. S. Whitten; and

Resolution inquiring into the expediency of extending to nonresident taxpayers in counties and districts of country now, or which may hereafter be, in the vicinity of the enemy, a longer time than is now allowed by law for the payment of taxes, etc.

The bill (H. R. 283) received this day from the House of Representatives for concurrence was read the first and second times and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

On motion by Mr. Maxwell,

The Senate adjourned.

SECRET SESSION.

The Senate resumed, as in Committee of the Whole, the consideration of the bill (H. R. 267) to suspend the privilege of the writ of habeas corpus in certain cases for a limited time; and

On motion by Mr. Walker,

Ordered, That the further consideration thereof be postponed until Monday next.

Mr. Brown, from the Committee on Naval Affairs, who were instructed by a resolution of the Senate to inquire into the expediency of suspending appropriations for the construction of vessels of war, and of limiting the operations of the Naval Department during the war, submitted the following resolution for consideration:

Resolved, That it would be unwise, at this time, to suspend the appropriations for the construction of vessels of war, or to restrict the operations of the Navy Department within narrower limits than they are at present.

The following message, received this day from the President of the Confederate States, in open legislative session, having been read:

To the Senate of the Confederate States of America:

I herewith transmit to the Senate the reports made by the heads of the Treasury and War Departments in response to the resolutions of the Senate of the 5th instant, making various inquiries relative to the subjects embraced in the act of 6th February, 1864, entitled "An act to impose regulations upon the foreign commerce of the Confederate States to provide for the public defense."

The importance of this subject induces me to present at some length to the Senate my views upon the policy of the law, and upon its effects as developed by experience.

The first section of the law (which was passed at the fourth session of the First Congress, and was the expression of its matured judgment) prohibits the exportation of the principal products of the Confederate States except under uniform regulations; and the reason for this prohibition is expressed in the preamble to be this: "That the condition of the contest demands that the Confederate States should call into requisition whatever resources of men and money they have for the support of their cause."

The fifth section of the law indicated that the purpose of Congress, in granting power to allow or refuse permission to export the produce of our country, was to enforce a return, in whole or in part, of the value of the produce exported, "in military or other supplies for the public service." But a full understanding of the policy of your predecessors can be attained only by taking into consideration another act passed on the same day and entitled "An act to prohibit the importation of luxuries, or of articles not necessities or of common use." This last-mentioned act absolutely prohibited, during the pending war, the importation of any articles not necessary for

the defense and subsistence of the country, and among those excluded from importation were wines, spirits, jewelry, cigars, and all the finer fabrics of cotton, flax, wool, or silk, as well as all other merchandise serving only for the indulgence of luxurious habits.

In a word, the two acts were an exercise of the power to regulate commerce, so as to make it subservient to the success of our struggle, by prohibiting the importation or exportation of merchandise or produce, for any other purpose than national defense and necessary subsistence, until these vital objects should be placed beyond the reach of danger. The two laws form one common system, and they should be so regarded in discussing the propriety of the repeal or modification of either.

When signing my approval of these acts, I considered them as measures eminently wise and proper, and as well adapted to remedy existing evils. Complaints were rife through our country that its foreign commerce was almost exclusively in the hands of aliens; that our cotton, tobacco, and naval stores were being drained from the States, and that we were receiving in return cargoes of liquors, wines, and articles of luxury; that the imported goods being held in few hands and in limited quantities, were sold at prices so exorbitant that the blockade runners, after purchasing fresh cargoes of cotton, still retained large sums in Confederate money, which they invested in gold for exportation and in foreign exchange; and that the whole course of the trade had a direct tendency to impoverish our country, demoralize our people, depreciate our currency, and enfeeble our defense. Congress believed these complaints well founded, and in that belief I fully concurred. None doubted that a remedy was desirable, and the present inquiries of the Senate seek information in relation to the efficacy of the remedy provided by the legislation then devised, as developed by actual experience.

My conviction is decided that the effect of the legislation has been salutary; that the evils existing prior to its adoption have been materially diminished; and that the repeal of the legislation, or any modification impairing its efficiency, would be calamitous. This opinion is shared by every Executive Department that has been intrusted with the execution of these laws and regulations, and thus enabled to form a judgment based on observation and experience.

The propriety and justice of a claim on the part of the Government that a share of all vessels engaged in the blockade trade should be held subject to its use for the benefit of the whole people was so obvious that even before the legislation of Congress few owners of vessels refused to place at its disposal one-third of the tonnage, both outward and inward, for the importation of supplies and the exportation of the produce necessary to pay for them. On the passage of these laws it was deemed proper to increase the demand of the Government to one-half. This decision was based not only on the consideration that the Government was burthened with the entire expense of defending the ports of entry, but on the further reason that the enormous gains of the commerce were monopolized by foreigners free to engage in commerce at their pleasure, while our citizens were engrossed in the sacred duty of defending their homes and liberties, and, therefore, unable to compete for the trade. It was foreseen that this increase would be resisted, and in a message on this subject addressed by me to the House of Representatives on the 10th of June last it is stated that "for some weeks after the adoption of these regulations strenuous efforts were made by parties interested in the business to induce a relaxation of the regulations. Many of the vessels remained unemployed on the allegation of the owners that the terms imposed by the regulations were so onerous as to render impossible the continuance of the business. The regulations remained unchanged, for I was satisfied from an examination of the subject that this complaint was unfounded, and that the withdrawal of the vessels was an experiment, by a combination among their owners, on the firmness of the Government. The result proved the correctness of this view: for, after various attempts to obtain increased advantages, the vessels resumed their voyages, their number has been largely increased, the ability to export produce and import supplies on Government account has been developed to a greater extent than had been anticipated, and the credit of the Government has been so improved in foreign markets that the quotations for its loan have rapidly advanced."

In the same message it was also stated that "among the efforts made to induce a change of the regulations was a warning given to officers of the Government that the owners of vessels could make better bargains with the governors of States than with the Confederate Government, and that, if the regulations were not relaxed in their favor, they would transfer their vessels to the executives of the several States, and thus withdraw them from the operations of the regulations."

Reverting now to the precise inquiries contained in the resolution of the Senate, I answer:

First, That no restriction whatever has been placed on the exercise of the right of any Confederate State to export, on its own account, any of the articles enumerated

in the act entitled "An act to impose regulations," etc., approved 6th February, 1864. Each State not only exports whatever it pleases, but the obligation imposed on private individuals to bring back into the country necessary supplies, equal in value to half of the produce exported, is not extended to the States. They are, in these respects, on a footing of absolute equality with the Confederate Government.

I am aware that complaints have been made of the effect of these regulations by the governors of some of the States; but their objections are, in my judgment, without just foundation.

It is not denied by any of them that when a State purchases a vessel it is left under the exclusive control of the State authorities, and that the Confederate Government claims no share of the outward or inward tonnage. It is also admitted that where the States purchase or charter any part of a vessel not exceeding one-half, the Confederate Government does not interfere with the enjoyment of the portion so purchased or chartered, and confines itself to exacting from the private owner the use of that half not conveyed to the State; but the complaint is that the Confederate Government will not further consent to yield, for the benefit of a single State, any part of that moiety of the tonnage of each vessel which it has secured under the regulations for the common use and benefit of all the States, of which it is the agent.

By the regulations, as now existing, half the tonnage of all vessels in the trade has been conveyed to the use of the Confederacy. Why should a single State be allowed to take for its separate use from the Confederacy, any part of this half? Is it not enough that the remaining half is left open for purchase or charter by the State?

It is plain that a State and the owner of a vessel can have no motive for contracting in such manner as to diminish the tonnage claimed by the Confederacy unless for a profit that is to be shared by both. Any concession, therefore, made on this point, is, in effect, the loss of an interest which is the common property of all the States, for the joint gain of a single State and of a private capitalist.

Again: The army in the field is the Army of the Confederacy, which is charged with the duty of supplying it with clothing, subsistence, and munitions of war. The performance of this duty demands the most strenuous exertions and the command of all the resources that can be reached. Any diminution of our command of those resources by a modification of the existing legislation might lead to disastrous consequences. Under our present arrangements, we are barely able to supply to our brave defenders a moderate share of those comforts which are indispensable to their efficiency. As long as privations are endured by all alike, there is a noble and patriotic emulation in the display of cheerful fortitude in enduring them. But if the common supply now distributed among all is diminished for the purpose of enabling any one State to add to the supplies furnished her own troops, the effect will be pernicious to an extent that can scarcely be appreciated in advance. I leave it to others to imagine the state of feeling which would ensue if the soldiers of the seaboard States were to be found amply supplied with all necessities and comforts, standing side by side with the troops of interior States, who would be deprived of a part of what they now receive, in consequence of a diminution of our present means of providing for all alike. If, to this, it should be answered that the interior States could enjoy the same advantages as the seaboard States, by sending agents to the ports to represent them, thus placing all on an equal footing, the reply is obvious. The result would then be to bring all the States back to the same condition in which they now are; that is to say, each possessing its fair share of the advantages derived from the tonnage used by the Confederate Government.

It appears to me that any change in the present regulations, so as to affect the rights of the Confederate Government, must necessarily be either useless or mischievous—useless, if no advantage is to be gained by any one State over the others; mischievous in the extreme, if such an advantage is to be the effect of a change.

It has been suggested that there are many articles required by the people of the different States which can only be obtained through the aid of their governments, and that the efforts of the Confederate Government are confined exclusively to the supply of the needs of the Army. This is true. But one-half of all the tonnage of private owners remains open to employment by the States for the purpose suggested, though, perhaps, at somewhat greater cost than would be charged if they were permitted to use the portion reserved for the Confederacy; but I repeat that there is no justice apparent in the demand that all the States should sacrifice a common right for the profit of a single State, or in diminishing the necessary comforts of the soldier for the benefit of those who remain at home. It is also competent for each State to purchase vessels for its own use, or to purchase shares in common with one or more other States, for the introduction of supplies necessary for the people, without encroaching on the means used by the Confederacy for supplying the Army.

Second. Upon the second question, whether the regulations have caused any diminution in the number of vessels engaged in foreign commerce, the report of the

Secretary of the Treasury gives such information as satisfactorily establishes the reverse to be the case. In addition to the statements made by him, derived from official returns, the Secretary of War reports that many new steamers are understood to be on the way to engage in the trade, notwithstanding the impression which prevails, that the stringency of the blockade is constantly increasing.

The number of vessels which arrived at two ports of the Confederacy between the 1st November and 6th December was forty-three, averaging more than one per day, and indicating no check in the trade. A further and conclusive proof that the profits of this commerce under present regulations are sufficiently tempting to secure its increase is afforded by the fact that the shares of the companies engaged in it have greatly advanced in value. The shares of one company, originally of \$1,000 each, were selling, in July last, for \$20,000 each, and now command \$30,000. Those of another company have increased in the same period from \$2,500 to \$6,000; and all exhibit a large advance.

Third. The third inquiry of the Senate seeks information whether the legislation and regulations have been beneficial or otherwise in their effect on the success of our arms and the supply of means necessary to the public defense. My opinion has already been indicated on this point, and the reports of the Secretaries are decided in the expression of their own convictions of the wisdom of the laws and the beneficial effect produced by them, in connection with the regulations established for giving them effect.

These laws and regulations have enabled the Government not only to provide supplies to a much greater extent than formerly, and to furnish the means for meeting the installments on its foreign loan, but to put an end to a wasteful and ruinous contract system by which supplies were obtained before Congress determined to exercise control over the imports and exports.

Instead of being compelled to give contractors a large profit on the cost of their supplies, and to make payment in cotton in our ports, at 6 pence per pound, we now purchase supplies abroad, by our agents, at cost in the foreign market, and pay them in cotton, which sells at a net price of 24 pence per pound. When all the elements of the calculation are taken into consideration, it is by no means an exaggeration to say that 100 bales of cotton, exported by the Government, will purchase, abroad, the same amount and value of supplies that 600 bales would purchase, delivered to contractors in the Confederacy. A reference to the report of the Secretary of the Treasury shows that of 11,796 bales of cotton shipped since 1st July last, but 1,272 were lost, not quite 11 per cent. If this be taken as a fair average, and it is believed to be so, out of 600 bales of cotton exported, 534 would arrive abroad, and yield, at 10 pounds per bale, £21,360, while the same 600 bales, delivered in payment at a home port, at 6 pence per pound, would yield less than £6,000.

There are other advantages derived from buying abroad rather than contracting with blockade runners, of no small magnitude; but the foregoing statement will shew the enormous profits that were made by them when the Government was forced to contract, instead of purchasing for itself, and will suggest a motive for the strenuous efforts they have not ceased to make to get rid of the regulations and procure a change in the policy of the Government. It is to the law and regulations that the Government owes its ability to command freight room, and thus buy and sell for itself, instead of being forced to make contracts so extravagant as those above described. It requires little sagacity to perceive that, with temptation so great, the owners of vessels would spare no pains to obtain contracts from the several States, if allowed to do so by law, with the view of again withdrawing from our use, as far as possible, the tonnage of their vessels, and thus compelling a return to the ruinous contract system.

The reports of the Secretaries will fully inform the Senate of the quantity and nature of the supplies obtained by the Government under the present system, and their importance to the national defense will be perceived at a glance.

Fourth. To the fourth inquiry, whether experience has suggested the necessity of the repeal of said act, or any modification or amendment of its provisions, the foregoing remarks would seem to furnish a sufficient answer. But I conclude by renewing the expression of my conviction that the result of any legislation checking or diminishing the control now exercised by the Government over our foreign commerce would be injurious to the public interest, and would insure the renewal, in aggravated form, of the evils which it was the purpose of your predecessors to remedy by the laws now in force.

JEFFERSON DAVIS.

RICHMOND, VA., *December 17, 1864.*

On motion by Mr. Barnwell,

Ordered, That the message and accompanying documents be printed in confidence for the use of the Senate.

On motion by Mr. Sparrow,

The Senate resolved into executive session.

EXECUTIVE SESSION.

Mr. Sparrow, from the Committee on Military Affairs, to whom were referred (on the 12th instant) the nominations of W. A. McPheeters, J. S. McDonough, C. A. Rice, Robert Duncan, A. A. Lawrance, John M. Lawing, W. R. McCreight, William S. Fowler, William J. Cocke, J. L. Pressley, M. A. Brown, Junius Terry, Thomas B. Elkin, A. T. Gordon, Richard Boyd, Elvis McCrory, William H. Dulaney, Thomas S. Young, A. S. Murphy, John De Butts, Charles Duffy, E. W. Thomason, W. X. Moseley, Calhoun Sams, J. C. W. Steger, Caleb Toxey, William Toxey, John R. Leigh, William A. Blount, Z. T. Murphy, Lucien Hall, John H. Gibbs, J. W. Leftwich, James F. Davis, C. D. Owens, J. P. Humphreys, D. W. Booth, Jos. Yates, H. R. Branham, A. Monteiro, Jos. B. Brock, M. J. De Rosset, C. L. Garnett, John S. Wilson, J. C. Abernathy, James B. Clifton, W. McC. Piggott, H. J. Parramore, Frank Spencer, Simon Baruch, James J. Knott, Charles S. Carter, Isaiah J. Roberts, Nelson G. West, John S. Stoney, W. A. Thompson, James S. Herron, J. E. Ferguson, John T. Jones, B. C. Harrison, William M. Swann, William H. Taylor, William W. Gaither, R. Murdoch, T. B. Wilkerson, A. V. Doak, Benjamin S. Barnes, Jos. M. Meggett, T. R. Trotter, B. St. G. Tucker, and Arthur Brogden, to be surgeons, reported, with the recommendation that all of said nominations be confirmed.

The Senate proceeded to consider said report; and in concurrence therewith, it was

Resolved, That the Senate advise and consent to their appointment, agreeably to the nomination of the President.

On motion by Mr. Brown,

The Senate resolved into open legislative session.

MONDAY, DECEMBER 19, 1864.

OPEN SESSION.

Mr. Walker presented resolutions of the general assembly of the State of Alabama "in relation to impressments and the schedule of prices fixed by Confederate commissioners," and "urging the payment of officers and privates by Confederate authorities;" which were severally read.

Ordered, That they lie upon the table and be printed.

Mr. Garland presented the petition of the clerks in the Second Auditor's Office, Treasury Department, praying that they may be allowed the privilege of drawing one ration and purchasing supplies at Government prices; which was referred to the Committee on Finance.

Mr. Johnson of Georgia submitted the following resolution; which was considered and agreed to:

Resolved, That the Committee on Military Affairs be instructed to inquire into the expediency of permanently exempting from military service skilled artisans, mechanics, and machinists who may be employed in the Government workshops of every description; also, the expediency of inviting into the Confederacy the same classes of persons from foreign States, upon a pledge of similar exemption.

Mr. Walker, from the Committee on the Judiciary, to whom was referred the bill (H. R. 283) to amend an act entitled "An act providing for the establishment and payment of claims for a certain description of property taken or informally impressed for the use of the Army," approved June 14, 1864, reported it without amendment.

The Senate proceeded, as in Committee of the Whole, to the consideration of the said bill; and no amendment being proposed, it was reported to the Senate.

Ordered, That it pass to a third reading.

The said bill was read the third time.

Resolved, That it pass.

Ordered, That the Secretary inform the House of Representatives thereof.

A message from the House of Representatives, by Mr. Dalton:

Mr. President: The Speaker of the House of Representatives having signed two enrolled bills, I am directed to bring them to the Senate for the signature of their President.

Mr. Sparrow, from the Committee on Military Affairs, to whom was referred the bill (S. 125) to amend an act entitled "An act to increase the efficiency of the Army by the employment of free negroes and slaves in certain capacities," approved February 17, 1864, reported it with the recommendation that it ought not to pass.

The Senate proceeded, as in Committee of the Whole, to the consideration of the said bill; and

On motion by Mr. Sparrow,

Ordered, That the further consideration thereof be postponed indefinitely.

The Senate resumed, as in Committee of the Whole, the consideration of the bill (S. 106) to repeal in part an act to regulate the destruction of property, under military necessity, and to provide for the indemnity thereof, approved March 17, 1862; and

On motion by Mr. Sparrow,

Ordered, That the further consideration thereof be postponed to and made the special order for Thursday next, at half past 12 o'clock.

The Senate proceeded, as in Committee of the Whole, to the consideration of the bill (S. 140) to guard against improper constructions of the tax laws by the officers charged with the execution of the same; and

On motion by Mr. Semmes,

Ordered, That it be recommitted to the Committee on the Judiciary.

The Senate resumed, as in Committee of the Whole, the consideration of the bill (H. R. 243) to regulate the pay and mileage of members, and the compensation of officers of the Senate and House of Representatives; and no amendment being proposed, it was reported to the Senate.

Ordered, That it pass to a third reading.

The said bill was read the third time.

Resolved, That it pass.

Ordered, That the Secretary inform the House of Representatives thereof.

Mr. Caperton, from the committee, reported that they had examined and found truly enrolled bills of the following titles:

H. R. 224. An act to punish certain frauds on the Confederate Government, including larceny and embezzlement of property of the Government; and

H. R. 268. An act for the relief of Sarah A. Heiskell, wife of the Hon. Joseph B. Heiskell, a Representative from the State of Tennessee.

The President having signed the enrolled bills last reported to have been examined, they were delivered to the Secretary of the Senate and by him forthwith presented to the President of the Confederate States for his approval.

The Senate resumed, as in Committee of the Whole, the consideration of the bill (S. 122) regulating the compensation of postmasters, special agents, and route agents.

On motion by Mr. Burnett, to amend the bill by striking out "twenty," section 1, line 22, and inserting "thirty-three and one-third,"

It was determined in the negative.

On motion by Mr. Baker, from the Committee on Post-Offices and Post-Roads, to amend the bill by inserting after "twenty," section 1, line 22, "five,"

It was determined in the affirmative.

On motion by Mr. Baker, from the Committee on Post-Offices and Post-Roads, to amend the bill by striking out "eight," section 1, line 24, and inserting "ten,"

It was determined in the affirmative.

On motion by Mr. Baker, from the Committee on Post-Offices and Post-Roads, to amend the bill by striking out, section 1, lines 33, 34, 35, 36, 37, and 38, the words "and of the postmasters at Petersburg, Virginia; Raleigh and Wilmington, North Carolina; Charleston and Columbia, South Carolina; Augusta and Savannah, Georgia; and Montgomery and Mobile, Alabama, shall be five thousand dollars, from and after the first day of January, one thousand eight hundred and sixty-five, at which time this act is to take effect,"

It was determined in the affirmative.

On motion by Mr. Baker, to amend the bill by striking out "excepting those," section 1, line 27, and inserting "except as,"

It was determined in the affirmative.

On motion by Mr. Watson, to amend the bill by inserting at the end of the fourth section the following proviso:

Provided, That no person shall hereafter be employed as a route agent who is capable of military service in the field, or who is not exempt by age from military duty,

It was determined in the affirmative.

No further amendment being proposed, the bill was reported to the Senate and the amendments were concurred in.

Ordered, That the bill be engrossed and read a third time.

The said bill was read the third time.

Resolved, That it pass, and that the title thereof be as aforesaid.

Ordered, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the House of Representatives therein.

The Senate proceeded, as in Committee of the Whole, to the consideration of the bill (H. R. 261) to amend an act of the Provisional Congress entitled "An act relating to the prepayment of postage in certain cases," approved July 29, 1861; and no amendment being proposed, it was reported to the Senate.

Ordered, That it pass to a third reading.

The said bill was read the third time.

Resolved, That it pass.

Ordered, That the Secretary inform the House of Representatives thereof.

The Senate proceeded, as in Committee of the Whole, to the consideration of the bill (S. 141) to increase the pay of noncommissioned officers, privates, and musicians of the Marine Corps; and no amendment being proposed, it was reported to the Senate.

Ordered, That it be engrossed and read a third time.

The said bill was read the third time.

Resolved, That it pass, and that the title thereof be as aforesaid.

Ordered, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the House of Representatives therein.

The Senate resumed, as in Committee of the Whole, the consideration of the bill (S. 134) to increase the maximum rates of compensation allowed to railroad companies for the transportation of the mails of the Confederate States; and

On motion by Mr. Sparrow,

Ordered, That the further consideration thereof be postponed until Monday next.

On motion by Mr. Hill,

The Senate resolved into secret legislative session.

The doors having been opened,

The following message was received from the House of Representatives, by Mr. Dalton:

Mr. President: The Speaker of the House of Representatives having signed an enrolled bill, I am directed to bring it to the Senate for the signature of their President.

Mr. Caperton, from the committee, reported that they had examined and found truly enrolled

A bill (H. R. 243) to regulate the pay and mileage of members, and the compensation of officers of the Senate and House of Representatives.

The President having signed the enrolled bill last reported to have been examined, it was delivered to the Secretary of the Senate and by him forthwith presented to the President of the Confederate States for his approval.

On motion by Mr. Walker,

The Senate adjourned.

SECRET SESSION.

The Senate resumed, as in Committee of the Whole, the consideration of the bill (H. R. 267) to suspend the privilege of the writ of habeas corpus in certain cases for a limited time.

On motion by Mr. Orr, to amend the bill by striking out all of the first section after line 15, as follows:

Of conspiracies to overthrow the Government, or conspiracies to resist the lawful authorities of the Confederate States.

Of combining to assist the enemy, or of communicating intelligence to the enemy, or giving him aid and comfort.

Of conspiracies, preparations, and attempts to incite servile insurrection.
 Of desertions, encouraging desertions, and of harboring deserters.
 Of spies and other emissaries of the enemy.
 Of holding correspondence or intercourse with the enemy without necessity and without the permission of the Confederate States.
 Of unlawful trading with the enemy, and other offenses against the laws of the Confederate States enacted to promote their success in the war.
 Of conspiracies or attempts to liberate prisoners of war held by the Confederate States.
 Of conspiracies or attempts to aid the enemy.
 Of persons advising or inciting others to abandon the Confederate cause, or to resist the Confederate States, or to adhere to the enemy.
 Of unlawfully burning, destroying, or injuring, or attempting to burn, destroy, or injure, any bridge or railroad, or telegraphic line of communication, or other property, with the intent of aiding the enemy.
 Of treasonable designs to impair the military power of the Government by destroying, or attempting to destroy, the vessels, or arms, or munitions of war, or arsenals, foundries, workshops, or other property of the Confederate States.
 Of any unlawful conspiracy with intent to injure the Confederate States.
 But any person claiming exemption from military service as an officer of a State, shall have the privilege of the writ of habeas corpus, as to such claim, as if this act had not been passed. In cases of palpable wrong and oppression, by any subordinate officer, upon any party who does not legally owe military service, his superior officer shall grant prompt relief to the oppressed party, and the subordinate shall be dismissed from office,
 and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

Of combining to assist the enemy, or of communicating intelligence to the enemy, or of being spies, or of holding treasonable communication with the enemy.

On motion by Mr. Hill, to amend the proposed amendment by striking out all of the words proposed to be inserted after "Of," in the first line, and inserting:

Combining to assist the enemy, or of communicating intelligence to the enemy, or giving him aid and comfort.

Of treasonable designs to impair the military power of the Government by destroying, or attempting to destroy, the vessels, or arms, or munitions of war, or arsenals, foundries, workshops, or other property of the Confederate States.

Of being a spy or other emissary of the enemy.

Of exciting, or attempting to excite, insurrection among slaves, or promoting conspiracy among them, or enticing them to join the enemy.

Of burning, destroying, or injuring, or attempting to burn, destroy, or injure, any bridge or railroad, or telegraphic line of communication, with the view of aiding the enemy.

Of exciting, or attempting to excite, mutiny among the troops of the Confederate States.

Of harboring deserters or encouraging desertion,

It was determined in the affirmative, {	Yeas	14
	Nays	5

On motion by Mr. Orr,

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present, Those who voted in the affirmative are,

Messrs. Baker, Barnwell, Brown, Burnett, Caperton, Dortch, Henry, Hill, Hunter, Johnson of Missouri, Maxwell, Semmes, Sparrow, and Watson.

Those who voted in the negative are,

Messrs. Garland, Graham, Johnson of Georgia, Orr, and Walker.

On motion by Mr. Graham, to amend the amendment proposed by Mr. Orr, as amended, by striking out of the words proposed to be inserted the following:

Of exciting, or attempting to excite, insurrection among slaves, or promoting conspiracy among them, or enticing them to join the enemy.

Of burning, destroying, or injuring, or attempting to burn, destroy, or injure, any bridge or railroad, or telegraphic line of communication, with the view of aiding the enemy,

It was determined in the negative.

On the question to agree to the amendment proposed by Mr. Orr, as amended,

It was determined in the affirmative, $\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{Yeas} \dots\dots\dots 13 \\ \text{Nays} \dots\dots\dots 7 \end{array} \right.$

On motion by Mr. Semmes,

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present,
Those who voted in the affirmative are,

Messrs. Baker, Barnwell, Brown, Garland, Graham, Hill, Hunter, Johnson of Georgia, Maxwell, Orr, Semmes, Walker, and Watson.

Those who voted in the negative are,

Messrs. Burnett, Caperton, Dortch, Henry, Johnson of Missouri, Simms, and Sparrow.

On motion by Mr. Graham, to amend the bill by striking out, section 1, lines 5, 6, 7, and 8, the words "by order of the President, Secretary of War, or the general commanding the Trans-Mississippi Military Department, by the authority and under the control of the President," and inserting in lieu thereof "by warrant issued by a judge or commissioner of the Confederate States upon probable cause, supported by oath or affirmation, particularly describing the person to be seized and the offense with which he is charged,"

It was determined in the negative, $\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{Yeas} \dots\dots\dots 5 \\ \text{Nays} \dots\dots\dots 12 \end{array} \right.$

On motion by Mr. Graham,

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present,
Those who voted in the affirmative are,

Messrs. Baker, Garland, Graham, Johnson of Georgia, and Orr.

Those who voted in the negative are,

Messrs. Barnwell, Burnett, Caperton, Dortch, Henry, Hill, Hunter, Johnson of Missouri, Semmes, Sparrow, Walker, and Watson.

On motion by Mr. Walker, to amend the bill by striking out, section 1, lines 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, and 9, the words "apply only to the cases of persons arrested or detained by order of the President, Secretary of War, or the general officer commanding the Trans-Mississippi Military Department, by the authority and under the control of the President, except as provided in the fifth section of this act," and inserting in lieu thereof "except as provided in the fifth section of this act, apply only to the cases of persons arrested or detained under an order of arrest, or detention in writing, issued by the President, Secretary of War, or the general officer commanding the Trans-Mississippi Department."

It was determined in the affirmative, $\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{Yeas} \dots\dots\dots 9 \\ \text{Nays} \dots\dots\dots 7 \end{array} \right.$

On motion by Mr. Walker,

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present,

Those who voted in the affirmative are,

Messrs. Garland, Graham, Hill, Johnson of Georgia, Johnson of Missouri, Orr, Semmes, Walker, and Watson.

Those who voted in the negative are,

Messrs. Baker, Burnett, Caperton, Dortch, Henry, Hunter, and Sparrow.

On motion by Mr. Hill, to amend the bill by striking out all of the second section after "shall," line 1, and inserting:

appoint proper officers as commissioners to investigate the cases of all persons so arrested or detained, in order that they may be discharged if improperly detained, unless they can be speedily tried in the due course of law. Said commissioners shall receive, each, a compensation of two hundred and fifty dollars per month; and each commissioner may appoint one clerk or assistant, who shall receive a compensation of one hundred and fifty dollars per month, and each commissioner and assistant shall receive twenty-five cents for every mile actually and necessarily traveled in the discharge of the duties required by this act,

A motion was made by Mr. Watson, to amend the proposed amendment by adding to the words proposed to be inserted the following: "But no person liable to, and capable of, military service in the field shall be appointed under this section; and no officer shall perform any duty under this section except in the State of which he is a citizen;" and

On the question to agree thereto,

The yeas were 8 and the nays were 8.

The Senate being equally divided, the President determined the question in the negative.

So the amendment to the amendment was disagreed to.

On motion by Mr. Graham, to amend the proposed amendment by adding to the words proposed to be inserted the following proviso:

Provided, That no person shall be imprisoned by virtue of this act except in the State of which he is a citizen or resident, or in which he shall have been arrested, or in which the act or offense is charged to have been committed, unless such State shall be in possession of the enemy,

It was determined in the affirmative.

The amendment proposed by Mr. Hill, as amended, was then agreed to.

Pending the further consideration of the bill,

On motion by Mr. Walker,

The Senate resolved into open legislative session.

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 20 1864.

OPEN SESSION.

On motion by Mr. Barnwell,

Ordered, That the Hon. James L. Orr have leave of absence from the sessions of the Senate until Tuesday, the 10th day of January next.

Mr. Barnwell, from the Committee on Finance, to whom was referred a communication from the Secretary of the Treasury on the subject, reported

A bill (S. 148) in relation to the accounts to be kept at the Treasury of sequestrated estates;

which was read the first and second times and considered as in Committee of the Whole; and no amendment being proposed, it was reported to the Senate.

Ordered, That it be engrossed and read a third time.

The said bill was read the third time.

Resolved, That it pass, and that the title thereof be as aforesaid.

Ordered, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the House of Representatives therein.

Mr. Sparrow, from the Committee on Military Affairs, to whom was referred the bill (S. 112) to repeal an act approved June 14, 1864,

entitled "An act to amend an act entitled "An act to organize military courts to attend the Army of the Confederate States in the field, and to define the powers of said courts," approved October ninth, eighteen hundred and sixty-two," and for other purposes, reported it with an amendment.

On motion by Mr. Hill,

The Senate resolved into secret legislative session.

The doors having been opened,

The following message was received from the House of Representatives, by Mr. Dalton:

Mr. President: The House of Representatives have passed the bill of the Senate (S. 110) to amend the twelfth section of the act entitled "An act to reduce the currency and to authorize a new issue of notes and bonds," approved February 17, 1864, with amendments; in which they request the concurrence of the Senate.

On motion by Mr. Simms,

Ordered, That Mr. Baker be excused from further service on the select committee appointed to inquire into the adequacy of the compensation allowed to persons employed in making clothing for the Army, and to females in the Ordnance Department, and that Mr. Garland be appointed in his stead.

On motion by Mr. Hill,

Ordered, That the Hon. Herschel V. Johnson have leave of absence from the sessions of the Senate until Monday, the 16th day of January next.

On motion by Mr. Graham,

The Senate adjourned.

SECRET SESSION.

The Senate resumed, as in Committee of the Whole, the consideration of the bill (H. R. 267) to suspend the privilege of the writ of habeas corpus in certain cases for a limited time.

On motion by Mr. Hill, to amend the bill by striking out, section 3, lines 12, 13, 14, and 15, the words

unless the writ shall have been issued by a court or judge of the Confederate States, in the case of a person seeking to avoid or to be discharged from military service, as mentioned in the fifteenth clause of the first section of this act,

It was determined in the affirmative.

On motion by Mr. Graham, to amend the bill by striking out of the sixth section the words "for ninety days after" and inserting "until,"

It was determined in the negative,	Yea	5
	Nay	15

On motion by Mr. Graham,

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present, Those who voted in the affirmative are,

Messrs. Garland, Graham, Johnson of Georgia, Orr, and Walker.

Those who voted in the negative are,

Messrs. Baker, Barnwell, Brown, Burnett, Caperton, Dortch, Henry, Hill, Hunter, Johnson of Missouri, Maxwell, Semmes, Simms, Sparrow, and Watson.

On motion by Mr. Orr, to amend the bill by striking out "ninety," section 6, line 1, and inserting "thirty,"

It was determined in the negative,	Yea	8
	Nay	12

On motion by Mr. Graham,

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present,
Those who voted in the affirmative are,

Messrs. Baker, Brown, Garland, Graham, Johnson of Georgia, Orr,
Semmes, and Walker.

Those who voted in the negative are,

Messrs. Barnwell, Burnett, Caperton, Dortch, Henry, Hill, Hunter,
Johnson of Missouri, Maxwell, Simms, Sparrow, and Watson.

A motion having been made by Mr. Sparrow, to reconsider the vote
on agreeing to the following amendment proposed by Mr. Orr, as
amended, to wit: Strike out all of the first section of the bill after
line 15 and insert:

Of combining to assist the enemy, or of communicating intelligence to the enemy,
or giving him aid and comfort.

Of treasonable designs to impair the military power of the Government by destroy-
ing, or attempting to destroy, the vessels, or arms, or munitions of war, or arsenals,
foundries, workshops, or other property of the Confederate States.

Of being a spy or other emissary of the enemy.

Of exciting, or attempting to excite, insurrection among slaves, or promoting con-
spiracy among them, or enticing them to join the enemy.

Of burning, destroying, or injuring, or attempting to destroy, burn, or injure, any
bridge or railroad, or telegraphic line of communication, with the view of aiding the
enemy.

Of exciting, or attempting to excite, mutiny among the troops of the Confederate
States.

Of harboring deserters or encouraging desertion.

On the question to agree thereto,

The yeas were 10 and the nays were 10.

On motion by Mr. Semmes,

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present,
Those who voted in the affirmative are,

Messrs. Burnett, Caperton, Dortch, Henry, Hunter, Johnson of
Missouri, Semmes, Simms, Sparrow, and Watson.

Those who voted in the negative are,

Messrs. Baker, Barnwell, Brown, Garland, Graham, Hill, Johnson
of Georgia, Maxwell, Orr, and Walker.

The Senate being equally divided,

The President announced the result of the vote, and stated that, the
vote being a tie, the motion to reconsider did not prevail; that, under
the Constitution, the Senate being equally divided, it was his right to
vote on the question. This right he would exercise if the Senate
would indulge him in giving his reasons for the vote he should give.

To which Mr. Henry objected.

Whereupon,

The President said he would, under the sixth standing rule, take the
sense of the Senate thereon, and proceeded to put the question.

Is it the sense of the Senate that the Chair, in exercising his con-
stitutional right to vote on a question on which Senators are equally
divided, has the right to give the reasons for the vote he shall give?

Pending which,

Mr. Dortch rose and announced his wish to change his vote from
the affirmative to the negative side of the question;

When,

The President stated that, under the rules, he could not then change
his vote unless by unanimous consent.

To this ruling of the Chair Mr. Burnett objected, and raised the question whether Mr. Dortch had not the right, at this stage of the proceedings, to change his vote.

After considerable debate,

The President rose and addressed the Senate at some length on the points of order, referring to the twenty-eighth and twenty-ninth rules of the Senate, to wit:

XXVIII. When the yeas and nays shall be called for by one-fifth of the Senators present, each Senator called upon shall declare openly, and without debate, his assent or dissent to the question, unless for special reason he be excused by the Senate. In taking the yeas and nays, and upon a call of the Senate, the names of the Senators shall be taken alphabetically.

XXIX. When the yeas and nays shall be taken upon any question in pursuance of the above rule, no Senator shall be permitted, except by the unanimous consent of the Senate, to vote after the decision is announced from the chair.

Concluding with this statement of the question: The Senate being equally divided on the decision of the question on the motion to reconsider submitted by the Senator from Louisiana [Mr. Sparrow], the Chair announced that result to the Senate, stating that, the vote being a tie, the motion to reconsider did not prevail; that, by the Constitution, it then became the privilege and right of the incumbent, as Vice-President, to vote; that his vote in this case, if given, would not change the result; still he wished to exercise this right if the Senate would indulge him in giving the reasons for voting as he should. At this stage of the proceedings the Senator from Tennessee [Mr. Henry] rose and protested against the right of the Chair to assign his reasons for the vote he should or might give. The Chair then stated he would take the sense of the Senate upon that question, and the question was put: Is it the sense of the Senate that the Chair, in exercising his constitutional right to vote on a question on which Senators are equally divided, has the right to give the reasons for the vote he shall give? When the yeas and nays were called for on this question, the Senator from North Carolina [Mr. Dortch] rose and stated that he would change his vote on the question on which the Senate was equally divided. The Chair stated, that under the rules the Senator could not then vote or change his vote after it had been announced from the chair that the Senate was equally divided, the result of which was the loss of the motion to reconsider, unless by the unanimous consent of the Senate; and that the question of privilege then before the Senate would take precedence over the motion of the Senator from North Carolina to be allowed to change his vote; that this question must be first put and first decided. To this ruling of the Chair the Senator from Kentucky [Mr. Burnett] raised his question of order, and upon which the Chair will take the sense of the Senate. The question, therefore, now, upon this point of order submitted to the Senate, is, Shall the ruling of the Chair, that the Senator from North Carolina [Mr. Dortch] can not at this stage of the proceedings, under the rules, change his vote after the result of the vote of Senators was announced, unless by unanimous consent, stand as the judgment of the Senate?

And the said question being put,

It was determined in the negative.	Yea	3
	Nay	16

On motion by Mr. Semmes,

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present,

Those who voted in the affirmative are,

Messrs. Garland, Graham, and Johnson of Georgia.

Those who voted in the negative are,

Messrs. Barnwell, Brown, Burnett, Caperton, Dortch, Henry, Hill, Hunter, Johnson of Missouri, Maxwell, Orr, Semmes, Simms, Sparrow, Walker, and Watson.

So the ruling of the Chair was not sustained by the Senate, and Mr. Dortch (by leave) having changed his vote from the affirmative to the negative side of the question,

The vote stood,	{ Yeas	9
	{ Nays	11

Those who voted in the affirmative being,

Messrs. Burnett, Caperton, Henry, Hunter, Johnson of Missouri, Semmes, Simms, Sparrow, and Watson.

And those who voted in the negative are,

Messrs. Baker, Barnwell, Brown, Dortch, Garland, Graham, Hill, Johnson of Georgia, Maxwell, Orr, and Walker.

So the question was determined in the negative, and the Senate refused to reconsider the vote on agreeing to the said amendment proposed by Mr. Orr, as amended.

No further amendment being proposed, the bill was reported to the Senate and the amendments made as in Committee of the Whole were concurred in.

Ordered, That the amendments be engrossed and the bill read a third time.

The said bill as amended was read the third time.

On the question,

Shall the bill now pass?

It was determined in the affirmative,	{ Yeas	14
	{ Nays	6

On motion by Mr. Graham,

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present, Those who voted in the affirmative are,

Messrs. Baker, Barnwell, Burnett, Caperton, Dortch, Henry, Hill, Hunter, Johnson of Missouri, Maxwell, Semmes, Simms, Sparrow, and Watson.

Those who voted in the negative are,

Messrs. Brown, Garland, Graham, Johnson of Georgia, Orr, and Walker.

So it was

Resolved, That this bill pass with amendments.

Ordered, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the House of Representatives in the amendments.

The following message was received from the President of the Confederate States, by Mr. B. N. Harrison, his Secretary:

RICHMOND, VA., December 19, 1864.

To the Senate and House of Representatives:

I herewith transmit a communication from the Secretary of the Treasury relative to a further foreign loan, and recommend his proposition to your favorable consideration in secret session.

JEFFERSON DAVIS.

The message was read.

Ordered, That it be referred to the Committee on Finance.

Mr. Brown submitted the following resolution; which was considered and agreed to:

Resolved, That the Committee on Finance be instructed to inquire into the expediency of so amending the laws in regard to the exportation of cotton as to allow the Secretary of the Treasury to deliver cotton at any point within the Confederate States to the holders of Confederate States bonds, the interest on which is to be paid in specie or cotton, at home or abroad, and to authorize the holders of such bonds, or their agents, to take such cotton through the Confederate military lines.

On motion by Mr. Sparrow,

The Senate resolved into executive session.

EXECUTIVE SESSION.

The following message was received from the President of the Confederate States, by Mr. B. N. Harrison, his Secretary:

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT, CONFEDERATE STATES OF AMERICA,
Richmond, December 20, 1864.

To the Senate of the Confederate States:

Agreeably to the recommendation of the Secretary of War, I nominate Maj. Heros von Boreke, of Prussia, to be lieutenant-colonel in the Adjutant-General's Department in the Provisional Army of the Confederate States of America.

JEFFERSON DAVIS.

No. 104.]

WAR DEPARTMENT, CONFEDERATE STATES OF AMERICA,
Richmond, December 20, 1864.

SIR: I have the honor to recommend the nomination of Maj. Heros von Boreke, of Prussia, to be lieutenant-colonel in the Adjutant-General's Department in the Provisional Army of the Confederate States of America, to rank from December 20, 1864.

I am, sir, respectfully, your obedient servant,

JAMES A. SEDDON,
Secretary of War.

To His Excellency JEFFERSON DAVIS,
President, &c.

The message was read.

The Senate proceeded to consider the nomination contained therein; and

Resolved, That the Senate do advise and consent to the appointment of Heros von Boreke, to be lieutenant-colonel in the Adjutant-General's Department, agreeably to the nomination of the President.

The following message was received from the President of the Confederate States, by Mr. B. N. Harrison, his Secretary:

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT, CONFEDERATE STATES OF AMERICA,
Richmond, December 15, 1864.

To the Senate of the Confederate States:

Agreeably to the recommendation of the Secretary of War, I nominate the officers on the accompanying list to the grades affixed to their names, respectively.

JEFFERSON DAVIS.

No. 70.]

WAR DEPARTMENT, CONFEDERATE STATES OF AMERICA,
Richmond, December 12, 1864.

SIR: I have the honor to recommend the following nominations for appointment in the Provisional Army of the Confederate States of America:

ADJUTANT-GENERAL'S DEPARTMENT.

Majors.

R. F. Mason, of Virginia, to rank from November 3, 1864.

Thomas Walton, of Mississippi, to rank from November 4, 1864.

Captains.

J. J. Evans, of Mississippi, to rank from June 15, 1864.

Clement Sulivane, of Maryland, to rank from July 6, 1864.

William Norwood, of Virginia, to rank from June 16, 1864.

James R. Balfour, of Mississippi, to rank from July 26, 1864.

W. D. Gale, of Mississippi, to rank from July 26, 1864.

Price Williams, of Alabama, to rank from August 8, 1864.

R. T. Daniel, jr., of Virginia, to rank from June 15, 1864.

I am, sir, respectfully, your obedient servant,

JAMES A. SEDDON,
Secretary of War.

To His Excellency JEFFERSON DAVIS,
President, etc.

The message was read.

Ordered, That it be referred to the Committee on Military Affairs.

On motion by Mr. Sparrow,

The Senate resolved into open legislative session.

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 21, 1864.

OPEN SESSION.

On motion by Mr. Graham.

Ordered, That the Hon. William T. Dortch have leave of absence from the sessions of the Senate until Monday, the 9th day of January next.

Mr. Johnson of Missouri, from the Committee on Indian Affairs, who were instructed by a resolution of the Senate to inquire into the subject, reported

A bill (S. 149) to amend an act entitled "An act to provide for the payment of the interest on the removal and subsistence fund due the Cherokee Indians in North Carolina," approved May 1, 1863; which was read the first and second times and considered as in Committee of the Whole; and no amendment being proposed, it was reported to the Senate.

Ordered, That it be engrossed and read a third time.

The said bill was read the third time.

Resolved, That it pass, and that the title thereof be as aforesaid.

Ordered, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the House of Representatives therein.

The President laid before the Senate a letter from R. H. Edwards, of Alabama, in relation to certain supplies taken from him by Wheeler's cavalry during the months of July and September, 1864; which was referred to the Committee on Military Affairs.

The Senate proceeded to consider the amendments of the House of Representatives to the bill (S. 110) to amend the twelfth section of the act entitled "An act to reduce the currency and to authorize a new issue of notes and bonds," approved February 17, 1864; and

On motion by Mr. Barnwell,

Ordered, That they be referred to the Committee on Finance.

The Senate proceeded, as in Committee of the Whole, to the consideration of the bill (S. 112) to repeal an act approved June 14, 1864, entitled "An act to amend an act entitled 'An act to organize military courts to attend the Army of the Confederate States in the field,

and to define the powers of said courts,' approved October ninth, eighteen hundred and sixty-two," and for other purposes; and the reported amendment having been agreed to, the bill was reported to the Senate and the amendment was concurred in.

Ordered, That the bill be engrossed and read a third time.

The said bill was read the third time and the title was amended.

Resolved, That it pass, and that the title thereof be "An act to prescribe the pay and allowances of provost-marshals and clerks of military courts."

Ordered, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the House of Representatives therein.

A message from the House of Representatives, by Mr. Dalton:

Mr. President: The House of Representatives have passed the bill of the Senate (S. 136) to provide funds to meet a deficiency in the appropriation to pay the officers and employees of the War Department.

And they have passed a bill (H. R. 242) to provide for sequestrating the property of persons liable to military service who have departed, or shall depart, from the Confederate States without permission; in which they request the concurrence of the Senate.

The Speaker of the House of Representatives having signed an enrolled bill, I am directed to bring it to the Senate for the signature of their President.

The Senate proceeded, as in Committee of the Whole, to the consideration of the following bills:

S. 142. Bill to increase the number of acting midshipmen in the Navy, and to prescribe the mode of appointment;

S. 143. Bill to authorize the employment of instructors for the acting midshipmen of the Navy, and to regulate their pay;

S. 144. Bill making an appropriation for the erection of additional buildings at Drewry's Bluff for the accommodation of acting midshipmen; and

S. 145. Bill to authorize the appointment of naval constructors in the Provisional Navy, and to fix their pay;

and no amendment being proposed, they were severally reported to the Senate.

Ordered, That they be engrossed and read a third time.

The said bills were severally read the third time.

Resolved, That they pass, and that their titles, respectively, be as aforesaid.

Ordered, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the House of Representatives in the said bills.

The bill (H. R. 242) received this day from the House of Representatives for concurrence was read the first and second times and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

On motion by Mr. Hill.

The Senate resolved into secret legislative session.

The doors having been opened,

The President laid before the Senate a communication from the Secretary of the Treasury, in response to a resolution of the Senate calling for certain information in relation to the mint and assay office at Charlotte, N. C.; which was read.

Ordered, That it be referred to the Committee on Finance and printed.

The following message was received from the President of the Confederate States, by Mr. B. N. Harrison, his Secretary:

RICHMOND, VA., *December 19, 1864.*

To the Senate of the Confederate States:

In response to your resolution of the 25th ultimo, I herewith transmit a communication from the Secretary of War, which conveys the information desired relative to trials and convictions under the acts to punish drunkenness in the Army.

JEFFERSON DAVIS.

The message was read.

Ordered, That it be referred to the Committee on Military Affairs. Mr. Dortch, from the committee, reported that they had examined and found truly enrolled

A bill (H. R. 283) to amend an act entitled "An act providing for the establishment and payment of claims for a certain description of property taken or informally impressed for the use of the Army," approved June 14, 1864.

The President having signed the enrolled bill last reported to have been examined, it was delivered to the Secretary of the Senate and by him forthwith presented to the President of the Confederate States for his approval.

On motion by Mr. Caperton.

The Senate adjourned.

SECRET SESSION.

On motion by Mr. Walker,

To reconsider the vote on passing the bill (H. R. 267) to suspend the privilege of the writ of habeas corpus in certain cases for a limited time,

After debate,

Mr. Walker withdrew the said motion.

On motion by Mr. Sparrow,

The Senate resolved into executive session.

EXECUTIVE SESSION.

Mr. Sparrow, from the Committee on Military Affairs, to whom were referred (on the 14th instant) the nominations of H. A. Herbert and E. F. Hoge, to be colonels; Thomas E. Winn and John P. Emrich, to be lieutenant-colonels; R. E. Wilson, Charles Old, William Hamilton, William J. Mims, Duke Nall, and J. G. Webb, to be majors; Willie Barrow, L. T. Everett, A. F. Kinney, R. P. Waring, J. H. Wooldridge, Percy Roberts, S. McCormick, M. Myers, H. N. Browne, Wythe B. Graham, Sebron G. Sneed, Thomas T. Greene, J. N. Hays, Rufus R. Jones, John L. Stephens, Joseph Hunter, Ed. F. Clayton, J. A. M. Foute, T. C. Moore, John M. Shuford, John Oliver, R. D. Murphy, Jack Sutherland, Edw. N. Everett, C. Marshal Jones, McK. Hammett, Lewis B. Noland, Roderick Perry, R. T. Coulter, W. A. Overton, Edw. M. Jordan, H. R. Morrison, R. D. Kathrens, S. C. Sadler, S. R. Fant, Andrew J. Ross, Reuben E. Jordan, H. T. Johnson, W. E. Clayton, E. A. Manning, A. G. Hawkins, B. F. Cootes, J. C. Buffington, F. Baltzell, F. M. Bell, James T. Norris, F. S. Johnson, John H. Dobbs, John H. McKie, Preston J. Key, D. R. Patterson, Thomas S. McCay, Alex. S. Webb, James A. Conner, D. H. Boyles, W. T. Mitchell, Thomas W. Clepper,

H. Hardy, E. J. Perrault, H. H. Brogden, J. F. Wilkerson, James A. Wiley, A. T. Loudon, J. W. Childress, J. T. Quarles, F. M. Vance, L. Campbell, C. E. Grier, George M. Rose, T. E. Pittman, W. J. Mauldin, A. D. Simons, S. J. Spindle, T. E. Davis, F. N. Kitchell, Jeff. L. Savage, John Jameson, J. C. Bailey, G. W. Cain, H. C. Fallon, F. R. Burrus, T. M. Hunt, B. F. Murrell, W. W. Matthews, James H. Wilkes, John T. Hall, G. P. Massingale, J. H. Cummins, J. A. Martin, E. Harrison, N. H. Davis, F. B. Davidson, James J. Kiddoo, John Patton, and C. Watlington, to be adjutants, with rank of first lieutenants, reported, with the recommendation that all of said nominations be confirmed.

The Senate proceeded to consider said report; and in concurrence therewith, it was

Resolved, That the Senate advise and consent to their appointment, agreeably to the nomination of the President.

Mr. Sparrow, from the Committee on Military Affairs, to whom were referred (on the 16th instant) the nominations of Haley M. Carter, to be lieutenant-colonel; H. N. Sherburne, J. S. Terry, and C. W. McClammy, to be majors of cavalry; C. S. Land, to be major of infantry; C. H. Luzenburg and H. D. Danforth, to be first lieutenants; A. M. Aiken, J. H. Ancrum, W. N. Mebane, R. W. Boyd, James M. Wise, and William Glenn, to be second lieutenants of artillery, for ordnance duty; J. D. Stoney, to be second lieutenant of infantry (for distinguished valor and skill), reported, with the recommendation that all of said nominations be confirmed.

The Senate proceeded to consider said report; and in concurrence therewith, it was

Resolved, That the Senate advise and consent to their appointment, agreeably to the nomination of the President.

The following messages were received from the President of the Confederate States, by Mr. B. N. Harrison, his Secretary:

1.] EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT, CONFEDERATE STATES OF AMERICA,
Richmond, December 19, 1864.

To the Senate of the Confederate States:

Agreeably to the recommendation of the Secretary of War, I nominate the officers on the accompanying list (for promotion) to the grades affixed to their names, respectively.

JEFFERSON DAVIS.

No. 93.] WAR DEPARTMENT, CONFEDERATE STATES OF AMERICA,
Richmond, December 17, 1864.

SIR: I have the honor to recommend the following nominations for promotion in the Provisional Army of the Confederate States of America:

Colonels.

Maj. William A. Taylor, of Texas, to be colonel Twenty-fourth Texas Cavalry Regiment, vice Colonel Wilkes, retired, and Lieutenant-Colonel Swearingen, dismissed, to rank from November 14, 1864.

Maj. F. L. Campbell, of Louisiana, to be colonel Thirteenth Louisiana Regiment, vice Colonel Gibson, appointed brigadier-general, and Lieutenant-Colonel Gerard, dropped, to rank from August 22, 1864.

Maj. James H. McNeill, of North Carolina, to be colonel Sixty-third North Carolina Regiment, vice Col. P. G. Evans, deceased, and Lieut. Col. S. B. Evans, dropped, to rank from November 24, 1864.

Lieutenant-colonels.

Maj. C. Breckinridge, of Virginia, to be lieutenant-colonel Second Virginia Cavalry Regiment, vice Lieutenant-Colonel Watts, retired, to rank from December 7, 1864.

Maj. John D. Taylor, of North Carolina, to be lieutenant-colonel Thirty-sixth North Carolina Regiment, vice Lieutenant-Colonel Richardson, dropped, to rank from January 23, 1864.

Maj. John M. Kinloch, of South Carolina, to be lieutenant-colonel Twenty-third South Carolina Regiment, vice Lieutenant-Colonel Roberts, resigned, to rank from November 3, 1862.

Capt. E. M. Dubroca, of Louisiana, to be lieutenant-colonel Thirteenth Louisiana Regiment, vice Lieutenant-Colonel Gerard, dropped, and Major Campbell, promoted, to rank from August 22, 1864.

Majors.

Capt. R. H. McClelland, of Tennessee, to be major Forty-ninth Tennessee Regiment, vice Major Atkins, promoted, to rank from June 11, 1864.

Capt. L. H. Crumpler, of Alabama, to be major Fifty-ninth Alabama Regiment, vice Major Huguley, promoted, to rank from May 16, 1864.

Capt. William F. Graves, of Virginia, to be major Second Virginia Cavalry Regiment, vice Major Breckinridge, promoted, to rank from December 7, 1864.

Capt. J. M. Stevenson, of North Carolina, to be major Thirty-sixth North Carolina Regiment, vice Major Taylor, promoted, to rank from January 23, 1864.

Capt. M. O. Tracy, of Louisiana, to be major Thirteenth Louisiana Regiment, vice Major Campbell, promoted, to rank from August 22, 1864.

Capt. H. H. Lesesne, of South Carolina, to be major Twenty-third South Carolina Regiment, vice Major Whilden, deceased, to rank from June 22, 1864.

I am, sir, respectfully, your obedient servant,

JAMES A. SEDDON,
Secretary of War.

To His Excellency JEFFERSON DAVIS,
President, etc.

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EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT, CONFEDERATE STATES OF AMERICA,
Richmond, December 19, 1864.

To the Senate of the Confederate States:

Agreeably to the recommendation of the Secretary of War, I nominate the officers on the accompanying list to the grades affixed to their names, respectively.

JEFFERSON DAVIS.

No. 91.]

WAR DEPARTMENT, CONFEDERATE STATES OF AMERICA,
Richmond, December 17, 1864.

SIR: I have the honor to recommend the following nominations for appointment in the Provisional Army of the Confederate States of America:

ENGINEER TROOPS.

Major.

D. Wintter, of Tennessee, to be major Second Regiment Engineer Troops (an original vacancy), to rank from August 18, 1864.

Captains.

B. M. Harrod, of Louisiana, to be captain Company G, Second Regiment Engineer Troops (an original vacancy), to rank from August 20, 1864.

John Howard, of Georgia, to be captain Company H, Second Regiment Engineer Troops (an original vacancy), to rank from October 15, 1864.

First lieutenants.

R. A. Stiles, of Georgia, to be first lieutenant Company E, First Regiment Engineer Troops (an original vacancy), to rank from September 29, 1864.

J. E. Roller, of Virginia, to be first lieutenant Company G, Second Regiment Engineer Troops (an original vacancy), to rank from August 20, 1864.

William P. Welch, of North Carolina, to be first lieutenant Company H, Second Regiment Engineer Troops (an original vacancy), to rank from October 15, 1864.

Second lieutenants.

Beverley Green, of Mississippi, to be second lieutenant, Second Regiment Engineer Troops (an original vacancy), to rank from June 23, 1864.

B. S. Long, of Mississippi, to be second lieutenant Company K, First Regiment Engineer Troops (an original vacancy), to rank from September 28, 1864.

Charles Minor, of Virginia, to be second lieutenant Company A, First Regiment Engineer Troops (an original vacancy), to rank from September 29, 1864.

J. M. Beckham, of Virginia, to be second lieutenant Company D, First Regiment Engineer Troops (an original vacancy), to rank from September 30, 1864.

W. R. Abbott, of Louisiana, to be second lieutenant Company E, First Regiment Engineer Troops (an original vacancy), to rank from October 1, 1864.

C. R. Venable, of Virginia, to be second lieutenant Company B, First Regiment Engineer Troops (an original vacancy), to rank from October 2, 1864.

P. G. Scott, of Virginia, to be second lieutenant Company I, First Regiment Engineer Troops, vice Lieutenant Grillin, promoted, to rank from October 3, 1864.

W. W. Dallam, of Maryland, to be second lieutenant Company F, First Regiment Engineer Troops, vice Lieutenant Hessey, promoted, to rank from October 4, 1864.

F. Harris, of Virginia, to be second lieutenant Company G, Second Regiment Engineer Troops (an original vacancy), to rank from August 20, 1864.

John H. Houston, of South Carolina, to be second lieutenant Company H, Second Regiment Engineer Troops (an original vacancy), to rank from October 15, 1864.

C. N. B. Minor, of Virginia, to be second lieutenant Company H, Second Regiment Engineer Troops (an original vacancy), to rank from October 16, 1864.

I am, sir, respectfully, your obedient servant,

JAMES A. SEDDON,
Secretary of War.

To His Excellency JEFFERSON DAVIS,
President, etc

3.] EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT, CONFEDERATE STATES OF AMERICA,
Richmond, December 19, 1864.

To the Senate of the Confederate States:

Agreeably to the recommendation of the Secretary of War, I nominate the officers on the accompanying list to the grades affixed to their names, respectively.

JEFFERSON DAVIS.

No. 88.] WAR DEPARTMENT, CONFEDERATE STATES OF AMERICA,
Richmond, December 16, 1864.

SIR: I have the honor to recommend the following nominations for appointment in the Provisional Army of the Confederate States of America:

NITER AND MINING CORPS.

Colonel.

Lieut. Col. I. M. St. John, of Georgia, to rank from June 15, 1864.

Lieutenant-colonels.

Maj. Richard Morton, of Virginia, to rank from June 15, 1864.

Maj. W. R. Hunt, of Tennessee, to rank from June 15, 1864.

Majors.

Capt. Isaac Read, of Missouri, to rank from June 15, 1864.

Capt. T. J. Finnie, of Tennessee, to rank from June 15, 1864.

Capt. John Elliott, of Maryland, to rank from June 15, 1864.

Capt. Jas. F. Jones, of Virginia, to rank from June 15, 1864.

Capt. C. R. Barney, of North Carolina, to rank from June 15, 1864.

Captains.

First Lieut. F. W. Smith, of Kentucky, to rank from June 15, 1864.

First Lieut. R. H. Temple, of Virginia, to rank from June 15, 1864.

First Lieut. W. Gabbett, of Georgia, to rank from June 15, 1864.

First Lieut. H. F. Reardon, of Virginia, to rank from June 15, 1864.

First Lieut. R. C. Morton, of Virginia, to rank from June 15, 1864.

First Lieut. B. A. Stovall, of Georgia, to rank from June 15, 1864.

First Lieut. J. W. Pearce, of District of Columbia, to rank from June 15, 1864.

First Lieut. S. Chalaron, of Louisiana, to rank from June 15, 1864.

First Lieut. John R. Hale, of Texas, to rank from June 15, 1864.

I am, sir, respectfully, your obedient servant,

JAMES A. SEDDON,
Secretary of War.

To His Excellency JEFFERSON DAVIS,
President, etc.

4.] EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT, CONFEDERATE STATES OF AMERICA,
Richmond, December 19, 1864.

To the Senate of the Confederate States:

Agreeably to the recommendation of the Secretary of War, I nominate the officers on the accompanying list to the grades affixed to their names, respectively.

JEFFERSON DAVIS.

No. 87.] WAR DEPARTMENT, CONFEDERATE STATES OF AMERICA,
Richmond, December 16, 1864.

SIR: I have the honor to recommend the following nominations for appointment in the Provisional Army of the Confederate States of America:

Military storekeepers.

(With pay and allowance of captains of infantry, under act approved June 4, 1864.)

William Hawn, of Louisiana, to rank from June 23, 1864.

John E. Logwood, of Mississippi, to rank from June 23, 1864.

J. M. Stevens, of Virginia, to rank from June 23, 1864.

William Aubrey, of Alabama, to rank from June 23, 1864.

Military storekeepers.

(With pay and allowance of first lieutenants of infantry, under act approved June 4, 1864.)

Carrington Mason, of Mississippi, to rank from June 23, 1864.

Thomas S. Martin, of Mississippi, to rank from June 23, 1864.

W. D. Bell, of South Carolina, to rank from July 6, 1864.

W. W. Tyler, of Virginia, to rank from July 30, 1864.

E. Ledyard, of Alabama, to rank from September 6, 1864.

I am, sir, respectfully, your obedient servant,

JAMES A. SEDDON,
Secretary of War.

To His Excellency JEFFERSON DAVIS,
President, etc.

5.] EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT, CONFEDERATE STATES OF AMERICA,
Richmond, December 19, 1864.

To the Senate of the Confederate States:

Agreeably to the recommendation of the Secretary of War, I nominate the officers on the accompanying list to the grades affixed to their names, respectively.

JEFFERSON DAVIS.

No. 92.] WAR DEPARTMENT, CONFEDERATE STATES OF AMERICA,
Richmond, December 17, 1864.

SIR: I have the honor to recommend the following nominations for appointment in the Provisional Army of the Confederate States of America:

Chaplains.

(Under act approved May 31, 1864.)

M. M. Marshall, of North Carolina, for duty at General Hospital, Kittrell's Spring, to rank from June 15, 1864.

Aug. Angerer, of South Carolina, for duty at Jackson Hospital, Richmond, Va., to rank from July 19, 1864.

W. A. Hall, of Louisiana, for duty with Washington Artillery Battalion, to rank from June 15, 1864.

Jarvis Buxton, of North Carolina, for duty at hospital, Asheville, N. C., to rank from July 16, 1864.

T. W. Scott, of Virginia, for duty at Chimborazo Hospital, Richmond, Va., to rank from July 28, 1864.

J. O. A. Cook, of Georgia, for duty with Second Georgia Battalion, to rank from July 28, 1864.

Elisha Hedden, of Georgia, for duty with Thirtieth Georgia Battalion Cavalry, to rank from July 30, 1864.

J. C. Sturgeon, of Alabama, for duty at Howard's Grove Hospital, to rank from August 27, 1864.

T. C. C. Drewry, of Virginia, for duty at Winder Hospital, to rank from September 21, 1864.

N. G. Robinson, of Virginia, for duty with Thirtieth Georgia Battalion Sharpshooters, to rank from October 18, 1864.

J. K. Harris, of Virginia, for duty with Twenty-third Virginia Battalion, to rank from June 15, 1864.

L. W. Haslup, of Virginia, for duty at General Hospital, Lynchburg, Va., to rank from September 24, 1864.

I am, sir, respectfully, your obedient servant,

JAMES A. SEDDON,
Secretary of War.

To His Excellency JEFFERSON DAVIS,
President, &c.

6.] EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT, CONFEDERATE STATES OF AMERICA,
Richmond, December 19, 1864.

To the Senate of the Confederate States:

Agreeably to the recommendation of the Secretary of War, I nominate Samuel L. Welch, of Texas, to be surgeon in the Provisional Army of the Confederate States of America.

JEFFERSON DAVIS.

No. 86.] WAR DEPARTMENT, CONFEDERATE STATES OF AMERICA,
Richmond, December 15, 1864.

SIR: I have the honor to recommend the nomination of Samuel L. Welch, of Texas, to be a surgeon in the Provisional Army of the Confederate States of America, for duty in Trans-Mississippi Department, to rank from December 9, 1864.

I am, sir, respectfully, your obedient servant,

JAMES A. SEDDON,
Secretary of War.

To His Excellency JEFFERSON DAVIS,
President, &c.

7.] EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT, CONFEDERATE STATES OF AMERICA,
Richmond, December 19, 1864.

To the Senate of the Confederate States:

Agreeably to the recommendation of the Secretary of War, I nominate W. P. Grayson, of Kentucky, to be colonel (under act approved October 11, 1862) in the Provisional Army of the Confederate States of America.

JEFFERSON DAVIS.

No. 85.] WAR DEPARTMENT, CONFEDERATE STATES OF AMERICA,
Richmond, December 15, 1864.

SIR: I have the honor to recommend the nomination of W. P. Grayson, of Kentucky, to be colonel (to raise a regiment in Kentucky), under act approved October 11, 1862, in the Provisional Army of the Confederate States of America, to rank from October 10, 1864.

I am, sir, respectfully, your obedient servant,

JAMES A. SEDDON,
Secretary of War.

To His Excellency JEFFERSON DAVIS,
President, &c.

8.]

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT, CONFEDERATE STATES OF AMERICA,

*Richmond, December 19, 1864.**To the Senate of the Confederate States:*

Agreeably to the recommendation of the Secretary of War, I nominate the officers on the accompanying list to the grades affixed to their names, respectively.

JEFFERSON DAVIS.

No. 90.]

WAR DEPARTMENT, CONFEDERATE STATES OF AMERICA,

Richmond, December 17, 1864.

SIR: I have the honor to recommend the following nominations for appointment in the Provisional Army of the Confederate States of America (for distinguished valor and skill):

Lieutenant-colonel.

Claiborne Sneed, of Georgia, to be lieutenant-colonel Third Georgia Regiment, vice Lieutenant-Colonel Nisbet, retired, to rank from July 13, 1864.

Major.

B. E. Nicholson, of South Carolina, to be major, Hampton Legion, vice Major Arnold, promoted, to rank from September 3, 1864.

Captains.

Charles F. Force, of Alabama, to be captain Company E, Fifty-first Alabama Cavalry Regiment, vice Captain Edwards, resigned, to rank from July 3, 1864.

George F. Cherry, of Georgia, to be captain Company A, Forty-fifth Georgia Regiment, vice Captain Munch, killed, to rank from June 15, 1864.

A. J. Brown, of North Carolina, to be captain Company E, Thirty-eighth North Carolina Regiment, vice Captain McRae, killed, to rank from August 8, 1864.

E. M. Ware, of Virginia, to be captain Company G, Fifth Virginia Cavalry Regiment, vice Captain Clay, deceased, to rank from August 21, 1864.

G. E. Plaster, of Virginia, to be captain Company H, Sixth Virginia Cavalry Regiment, vice Captain Adams, resigned, to rank from October 27, 1864.

J. C. Barton, of Mississippi, to be captain Company A, Twenty-sixth Mississippi Regiment, vice Captain Malone, dropped, to rank from October 27, 1864.

W. G. Terrell, of South Carolina, to be captain Company F, First South Carolina (Orr's) Rifle Regiment, vice Captain Fullerton, killed, to rank from November 2, 1864.

Second lieutenants.

William F. Ford, of Texas, to be second lieutenant Company B, Fourth Texas Regiment, to rank from June 16, 1864.

E. S. Woodbridge, of Virginia, to be second lieutenant Parker's battery, vice Lieutenant Saville, deceased, to rank from September 10, 1864.

A. P. Irby, of South Carolina, to be second lieutenant Company H, Seventh South Carolina Regiment, vice Lieutenant Weston, promoted, to rank from October 27, 1864.

I am, sir, respectfully, your obedient servant,

JAMES A. SEDDON,

Secretary of War.

To His Excellency JEFFERSON DAVIS,

President, &c.

9.]

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT, CONFEDERATE STATES OF AMERICA,

*Richmond, December 19, 1864.**To the Senate of the Confederate States:*

Agreeably to the recommendation of the Secretary of War, I nominate the officers on the accompanying list to the grades affixed to their names, respectively.

JEFFERSON DAVIS.

No. 81.]

WAR DEPARTMENT, CONFEDERATE STATES OF AMERICA,
Richmond, December 15, 1864.

SIR: I have the honor to recommend the following nominations for appointment in the Provisional Army of the Confederate States of America:

COMMANDANTS OF CAMPS OF INSTRUCTION, UNDER ACT APPROVED OCTOBER 8, 1862.

Majors.

W. V. Thompson, of Tennessee, to rank from March 1, 1864.

J. C. Gallagher, of Louisiana, to rank from February 19, 1864.

F. Clarke, of Louisiana, to rank from March 11, 1864.

Allen J. Green, of South Carolina, to rank from April 14, 1864.

J. R. McLean, of North Carolina, to rank from April 1, 1864.

J. C. Johnston, of Kentucky, to rank from September 9, 1864.

I am, sir, respectfully, your obedient servant,

JAMES A. SEDDON,
Secretary of War.

To His Excellency JEFFERSON DAVIS,
President, etc.

10.]

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT, CONFEDERATE STATES OF AMERICA,
Richmond, December 19, 1864.

To the Senate of the Confederate States:

Agreeably to the recommendation of the Secretary of War, I nominate the officers on the accompanying list to the grades affixed to their names, respectively.

JEFFERSON DAVIS.

No. 89.]

WAR DEPARTMENT, CONFEDERATE STATES OF AMERICA,
Richmond, December 16, 1864.

SIR: I have the honor to recommend the following nominations for appointment in the Provisional Army of the Confederate States of America:

Colonels.

William E. De Moss, of Tennessee, to be colonel Tenth Tennessee Cavalry Regiment (formed by consolidating Napier's and Cox's battalions cavalry), to rank from June 15, 1864.

W. T. Robins, of Virginia, to be colonel Twenty-fourth Virginia Cavalry Regiment (formed by increasing the Forty-second Virginia Battalion Cavalry), to rank from June 14, 1864.

D. E. Scruggs, of ———, to be colonel of Second Regiment, Troops Local Defense (Richmond) (formed by consolidating the Second and Sixth battalions, Troops Local Defense), to rank from August 29, 1864.

James C. Malone, of Alabama, to be colonel Ninth Alabama Cavalry Regiment (formed by consolidating the Fourteenth and Nineteenth battalions cavalry), to rank from September 5, 1864.

T. W. White, of Mississippi, to be colonel Eighth Mississippi Cavalry Regiment (formed by increasing the Nineteenth Battalion Cavalry), to rank from September 8, 1864.

John McAnerney, of Alabama, to be colonel Third Regiment, Troops Local Defense (Richmond) (formed by increasing the Third Battalion, Troops Local Defense), to rank from September 23, 1864.

R. O. Pickett, of Alabama, to be colonel Tenth Alabama Cavalry Regiment (formed by consolidating two battalions), to rank from September 22, 1864.

Lieutenant-colonels.

L. R. Terrell, of Alabama, to be lieutenant-colonel Forty-seventh Alabama Regiment, the officers entitled to promotion waiving claims, vice Lieutenant-Colonel Bulger, promoted, to rank from June 15, 1864.

G. W. Scott, of Florida, to be lieutenant-colonel Fifth Florida Battalion Cavalry (the battalion having been increased to eight companies), to rank from July 20, 1864.

W. E. Tanner, of Virginia, to be lieutenant-colonel Second Regiment, Troops Local Defense (Richmond) (formed by consolidating the Second and Sixth battalions, Troops Local Defense), to rank from August 29, 1864.

S. F. Sutherland, of Maryland, to be lieutenant-colonel Third Regiment, Troops Local Defense (Richmond) (formed by increasing the Third Battalion, Troops Local Defense), to rank from September 23, 1864.

P. J. Ennis, of Virginia, to be lieutenant-colonel Fifth Battalion, Troops Local Defense (Richmond) (an original vacancy), to rank from September 21, 1864.

J. R. Powell, of Alabama, to be lieutenant-colonel Tenth Alabama Cavalry Regiment (formed by consolidating two battalions), to rank from September 22, 1864.

Majors.

T. H. Ayres, of Virginia, to be major First Battalion, Troops Local Defense (Richmond), the officers entitled to promotion waiving claims, vice Major Ford, resigned, to rank from August 31, 1864.

Bolling Baker, of Florida, to be major Third Regiment, Troops Local Defense (Richmond) (formed by increasing the Third Battalion, Troops Local Defense), to rank from September 23, 1864.

E. M. Boykin, of South Carolina, to be major Seventh South Carolina Cavalry Regiment (an original vacancy), to rank from September 7, 1864.

J. B. Vaughan, of Virginia, to be major Fifth Battalion, Troops Local Defense (Richmond) (an original vacancy), to rank from September 26, 1864.

W. P. Wrenn, of Alabama, to be major Tenth Alabama Cavalry Regiment (formed by consolidating two battalions), to rank from September 22, 1864.

Captains.

McP. Wright, of South Carolina, to be captain Company K, Twenty-second South Carolina Regiment, the officers entitled to promotion found incompetent, vice Captain Crawford, resigned, to rank from July 7, 1864.

J. C. B. Smith, of South Carolina, to be captain Company K, Twelfth South Carolina Regiment, the officers entitled to promotion waiving claims, vice Captain Nevill, resigned, to rank from July 6, 1864.

W. J. Sloan, of Georgia, to be captain Company A, Forty-third Georgia Regiment, the officers entitled to promotion waiving claims, vice Captain Reinhart, resigned, to rank from July 13, 1864.

W. E. Cropp, of Georgia, to be captain Company C, Tenth Georgia Cavalry Regiment, the officers entitled to promotion waiving claims, vice Captain Burke, resigned, to rank from July 30, 1864.

J. H. Chamberlayne, of Virginia, to be captain Davidson's battery, second lieutenant found incompetent, and first lieutenant waiving claim, to rank from August 4, 1864.

R. A. Tompkins, of Virginia, to be captain Company D, Third Regiment, Troops Local Defense (Richmond), the officers entitled to promotion waiving claims, vice Captain Ellery, killed, to rank from September 21, 1864.

M. Locke, of Virginia, to be captain Company A, Fifth Battalion, Troops Local Defense (Richmond), the officers entitled to promotion waiving claims, vice Captain Zimmer, resigned, to rank from September 6, 1864.

George Willcox, of North Carolina, to be captain Company H, Forty-sixth North Carolina Regiment, the officers entitled to promotion waiving claims, vice Captain McNeill, promoted, to rank from November 4, 1864.

First lieutenants.

James B. Horton, of South Carolina, to be first lieutenant Company H, Second South Carolina Regiment, the officers entitled to promotion waiving claims, vice Lieutenant Perry, killed, to rank from July 7, 1864.

William H. Smith, of Virginia, to be first lieutenant French's battery, the officers entitled to promotion found incompetent, vice Lieutenant Fizer, resigned, to rank from August 25, 1864.

James E. Towson, of Virginia, to be first lieutenant Company D, Third Battalion, Troops Local Defense (Richmond), the officers entitled to promotion found incompetent, vice Lieutenant Matthews, resigned, to rank from September 21, 1864.

Second lieutenants.

F. S. Spiller, of Virginia, to be second lieutenant Company B, Thirtieth Virginia Battalion Sharpshooters, vice Lieutenant Boyd, resigned, to rank from June 15, 1864.

F. K. Huger, of South Carolina, to be second lieutenant, First South Carolina Regiment (enlisted men), vice Lieutenant Whaley, promoted, to rank from June 28, 1864.

O. N. Butler, of South Carolina, to be second lieutenant, First South Carolina Regiment (enlisted men), vice Lieutenant Wardlaw, promoted, to rank from June 28, 1864.

R. S. Rutledge, of South Carolina, to be second lieutenant, First South Carolina Regiment Artillery, vice Lieut. T. A. Middleton, promoted, to rank from August 20, 1864.

W. G. Simms, of South Carolina, to be second lieutenant, First South Carolina Regiment Artillery, vice Lieut. E. B. Middleton, promoted, to rank from August 20, 1864.

I am, sir, respectfully, your obedient servant,

JAMES A. SEDDON,
Secretary of War.

To His Excellency JEFFERSON DAVIS,
President, etc.

11.] EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT, CONFEDERATE STATES OF AMERICA,
Richmond, December 19, 1864.

To the Senate of the Confederate States:

Agreeably to the recommendation of the Secretary of War, I nominate Alex. G. Morgan, of Kentucky, to be assistant commissary, with the rank of captain in the Provisional Army of the Confederate States of America.

JEFFERSON DAVIS.

No. 95.] WAR DEPARTMENT, CONFEDERATE STATES OF AMERICA,
Richmond, December 17, 1864.

SIR: I have the honor to recommend the nomination of Alex. G. Morgan, of Kentucky, to be an assistant commissary, with the rank of captain in the Provisional Army of the Confederate States of America, for duty with Tenth Kentucky Cavalry Regiment (an original vacancy), to date from November 2, 1864.

I am, sir, respectfully, your obedient servant,

JAMES A. SEDDON,
Secretary of War.

To His Excellency JEFFERSON DAVIS,
President, etc.

12.] EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT, CONFEDERATE STATES OF AMERICA,
Richmond, December 19, 1864.

To the Senate of the Confederate States:

Agreeably to the recommendation of the Secretary of War, I nominate T. P. Gibson, of Kentucky, to be quartermaster, with rank of major in the Provisional Army of the Confederate States of America.

JEFFERSON DAVIS.

No. 94.] WAR DEPARTMENT, CONFEDERATE STATES OF AMERICA,
Richmond, December 17, 1864.

SIR: I have the honor to recommend the nomination of T. P. Gibson, of Kentucky, to be quartermaster, with rank of major in the Provisional Army of the Confederate States of America, for duty with Brig. Gen. H. B. Lyon, Department of Western Kentucky (an original vacancy), to date from December 14, 1864.

I am, sir, respectfully, your obedient servant,

JAMES A. SEDDON,
Secretary of War.

To His Excellency JEFFERSON DAVIS,
President, etc.

The messages were severally read.

Ordered. That they be referred to the Committee on Military Affairs.

On motion by Mr. Sparrow,

The Senate resolved into open legislative session.

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 22, 1864.

OPEN SESSION.

A message from the House of Representatives, by Mr. Dalton:

Mr. President: The House of Representatives have passed the bill of the Senate (S. 96) to extend the time within which holders of Treasury notes of the old issue may exchange the same for notes of the new issue.

The Speaker of the House of Representatives having signed an enrolled bill, I am directed to bring it to the Senate for the signature of their President.

Mr. Baker submitted the following resolution; which was considered and agreed to:

Resolved, That the Committee on the Judiciary be instructed to inquire into the expediency of amending the judiciary act by authorizing the judges of the district courts to issue writs of mandamus to persons holding office under the authority of the Confederate States.

On motion by Mr. Caperton,

Ordered, That the Hon. R. M. T. Hunter have leave of absence from the sessions of the Senate until Monday, the 2d day of January next.

On motion by Mr. Sparrow,

Ordered, That the Committee on Military Affairs be discharged from the further consideration of the message of the President of the 21st instant, in response to a resolution of the Senate calling for information relative to the number of trials and convictions under the acts of Congress to punish drunkenness in the Army.

Mr. Sparrow, from the Committee on Military Affairs, reported

A bill (S. 150) to provide for the lighting and warming of the Executive Mansion, and for the supply of forage and commissary stores for the use of the Commander in Chief of the Army and Navy of the Confederate States;

which was read the first and second times and considered as in Committee of the Whole; and no amendment being proposed, it was reported to the Senate.

Ordered, That it be engrossed and read a third time.

The said bill was read the third time.

Resolved, That it pass, and that the title thereof be as aforesaid.

Ordered, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the House of Representatives therein.

Mr. Caperton, from the committee, reported that they had examined and found truly enrolled

A bill (S. 136) to provide funds to meet a deficiency in the appropriation to pay the officers and employees of the War Department.

The President having signed the enrolled bill last reported to have been examined, it was delivered to the Secretary of the Senate and by him forthwith presented to the President of the Confederate States for his approval.

The Senate resumed, as in Committee of the Whole, the consideration of the bill (S. 106) to repeal in part an act to regulate the destruction of property, under military necessity, and to provide for the indemnity thereof, approved March 17, 1862; and

On motion by Mr. Sparrow,

Ordered, That the further consideration thereof be postponed until Monday, the 2d day of January next.

On motion by Mr. Baker,
The Senate resolved into executive session.
The doors having been opened,
On motion by Mr. Maxwell,

Ordered, That when the Senate adjourn it be to Monday next.

On motion by Mr. Sparrow, the vote on passing the bill (S. 142) to increase the number of acting midshipmen in the Navy, and to prescribe the mode of appointment, was reconsidered.

On motion by Mr. Sparrow, the vote by which the said bill was ordered to its engrossment and third reading was also reconsidered.

The Senate resumed, as in Committee of the Whole, the consideration of the said bill.

On motion by Mr. Sparrow, to amend the bill by striking out the word "nomination," in the tenth and twelfth lines, and inserting in lieu thereof the word "recommendation."

It was determined in the affirmative.

No further amendment being proposed, the bill was reported to the Senate and the amendments were concurred in.

Ordered, That the bill be engrossed and read a third time.

The said bill was read the third time.

Resolved, That it pass, and that the title thereof be as aforesaid.

Ordered, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the House of Representatives therein.

On motion by Mr. Burnett,

Ordered, That L. H. Fitzhugh, Sergeant-at-Arms of the Senate, have leave of absence until Wednesday next.

On motion by Mr. Henry,

Ordered, That J. L. Dawson have leave to withdraw his petition.

On motion by Mr. Garland,

The Senate adjourned.

SECRET SESSION.

Mr. Walker submitted the following resolution for consideration:

Resolved, That the Committee on Military Affairs be instructed to confer with General Robert E. Lee and General Joseph E. Johnston upon the present military condition and necessities of the country, including the mode of reorganizing and recruiting the Army, and to communicate to the Senate the views and suggestions of those officers.

The Senate proceeded to consider the said resolution; and

On motion by Mr. Barnwell, that it be referred to the Committee on Military Affairs,

The vote resulted, on division,	Yea	7
	Nay	7

The Senate being equally divided, the President determined the question in the affirmative;

So it was

Ordered, That the said resolution be referred to the Committee on Military Affairs.

On motion by Mr. Graham,

The Senate resolved into open legislative session.

EXECUTIVE SESSION.

Mr. Baker, from the Committee on Post-Offices and Post-Roads, to whom were referred (on the 16th instant) the nominations of John R.

Taylor, to be postmaster at Taylorsville, Va.; R. M. Kilpatrick, to be postmaster at Alexandria, La.; Benjamin F. Hall, to be postmaster at Augusta, Ga.; William J. Price, to be postmaster at Wilmington, N. C.; William Barry, to be postmaster at Covington, Ga.; G. H. Landon, to be postmaster at Salem, Va., and William R. Duval, to be postmaster at Morganton, N. C., reported, with the recommendation that all of said nominations be confirmed.

The Senate proceeded to consider said report; and in concurrence therewith, it was

Resolved, That the Senate do advise and consent to their appointment, agreeably to the nomination of the President.

Mr. Burnett, from the Committee on Military Affairs, to whom was referred (on the 21st instant) the nomination of T. P. Gibson, to be quartermaster, with the rank of major, reported, with the recommendation that said nomination be confirmed.

The Senate proceeded to consider said report; and in concurrence therewith, it was

Resolved, That the Senate do advise and consent to the appointment of T. P. Gibson, to be quartermaster, with the rank of major, agreeably to the nomination of the President.

The following message was received from the President of the Confederate States, by Mr. B. N. Harrison, his Secretary:

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT, CONFEDERATE STATES OF AMERICA,

Richmond, December 22, 1864.

To the Senate of the Confederate States:

Agreeably to the recommendation of the Secretary of War, I nominate Allen T. Bowie, of Mississippi, to be captain in the Adjutant-General's Department in the Provisional Army of the Confederate States of America.

JEFFERSON DAVIS.

No. 105.]

WAR DEPARTMENT, CONFEDERATE STATES OF AMERICA,

Richmond, December 21, 1864.

SIR: I have the honor to recommend the nomination of Allen T. Bowie, of Mississippi, to be captain in the Adjutant-General's Department in the Provisional Army of the Confederate States of America, for duty with Wirt Adams' brigade, Department of Alabama, Mississippi, and East Louisiana (an original vacancy), to rank from November 11, 1863.

I am, sir, respectfully, your obedient servant,

JAMES A. SEDDON,

Secretary of War.

To His Excellency JEFFERSON DAVIS,

President, etc.

The message was read.

Ordered, That it be referred to the Committee on Military Affairs.

On motion by Mr. Walker,

The Senate resolved into secret legislative session.

MONDAY, DECEMBER 26, 1864.

OPEN SESSION.

The Hon. Williamson S. Oldham, from the State of Texas, attended.
A message from the House of Representatives, by Mr Dalton:

Mr. President: The House of Representatives have passed a bill (H. R. 229) to provide more effectually for the reduction and redemption of the currency; in which they request the concurrence of the Senate.

On motion by Mr. Sparrow,

Ordered, That the Committee on Military Affairs be discharged from the further consideration of a letter of R. H. Edwards in relation to certain supplies taken from him by Wheeler's cavalry.

The President laid before the Senate a communication from the Secretary of the Treasury in relation to the redemption and cancellation of four per cent bonds and certificates; which was read.

Ordered, That it be referred to the Committee on Finance.

The bill (H. R. 229) received this day from the House of Representatives for concurrence was read the first and second times and referred to the Committee on Finance.

Ordered, That it be printed.

On motion by Mr. Hill,

The Senate resolved into secret legislative session.

The doors having been opened,

On motion by Mr. Barnwell,

The Senate adjourned.

SECRET SESSION.

A message from the House of Representatives, by Mr. Dalton:

Mr. President: The House of Representatives have passed a bill (H. R. 284) to issue a further foreign loan; in which they request the concurrence of the Senate.

The bill (H. R. 284) last mentioned was read the first and second times and considered as in Committee of the Whole; and no amendment being proposed, it was reported to the Senate.

Ordered, That it pass to a third reading.

The said bill was read the third time.

Resolved, That it pass.

Ordered, That the Secretary inform the House of Representatives thereof.

On motion by Mr. Sparrow,

The Senate resolved into executive session.

EXECUTIVE SESSION.

On motion by Mr. Sparrow,

The Senate resumed the consideration of the nomination of P. B. Starke, to be brigadier-general; and it was

Resolved, That the Senate advise and consent to his appointment, agreeably to the nomination of the President.

On motion by Mr. Sparrow,

The Senate resolved into open legislative session.

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 28, 1864.

OPEN SESSION.

On motion by Mr. Maxwell,

Ordered, That the Hon. James M. Baker have leave of absence from the sessions of the Senate until Monday, the 2d day of January next.

Mr. Hill presented a letter from A. B. Allen, first lieutenant Company B, Ninth Regiment Georgia Volunteers, in relation to the right of officers to purchase clothing; which was referred to the Committee on Military Affairs.

Mr. Watson presented certain papers relating to the purchase of clothing by officers of the Army; which were referred to the Committee on Military Affairs.

A message from the House of Representatives, by Mr. Dalton:

Mr. President: The President of the Confederate States has notified the House of Representatives that on the 19th instant he approved and signed the following acts:

H. R. 224. An act to punish certain frauds on the Confederate Government, including larceny and embezzlement of property of the Government; and

H. R. 268. An act for the relief of Sarah A. Heiskell, wife of the Hon. Joseph B. Heiskell, a Representative from the State of Tennessee.

The Speaker of the House of Representatives having signed two enrolled bills, I am directed to bring them to the Senate for the signature of their President.

On motion by Mr. Simms,

Ordered, That the Hon. H. C. Burnett have leave of absence from the sessions of the Senate until Tuesday next.

On motion by Mr. Sparrow,

The Senate resolved into executive session.

The doors having been opened,

On motion by Mr. Sparrow,

The Senate adjourned.

EXECUTIVE SESSION.

Mr. Sparrow, from the Committee on Military Affairs, to whom was referred (on the 21st ultimo) the nomination of Roswell Ellis, to be captain in the Adjutant-General's Department, reported, with the recommendation that said nomination be confirmed.

The Senate proceeded to consider said report; and in concurrence therewith, it was

Resolved, That the Senate do advise and consent to the appointment of Roswell Ellis, to be captain in the Adjutant-General's Department, agreeably to the nomination of the President.

Mr. Sparrow, from the Committee on Military Affairs, to whom were referred (on the 12th instant) the nominations of Thomas C. McNeill, Thomas H. Turner, William D. Fisher, G. Dowell, C. E. R. King, J. A. Throckmorton, R. G. Turner, William Henderson, Jasper Butler, D. H. Williams, F. T. Miles, C. Ganahl, John G. Pepper, G. Holland, J. P. Clopton, W. J. Goodman, J. T. Turner, W. B. Bonsal, H. P. Becton, J. P. Hewey, W. P. Riddell, W. D. Kelley, D. T. Iglehart, S. C. Oliver, W. W. McIver, E. W. Britton, W. Thompson, T. S. Means, and J. H. Trippe, to be surgeons; A. L. East, L. Henley, E. H. Smith, C. K. Duncan, John D. Parsons, Thomas C. Foster, A. H. McFall, Thomas J. Haley, J. M. Wellborn, J. J. Whitmore, J. R. Westbrook, William W. Newton, E. A. Sheppey, Samuel L. Lewis, E. Thigpen, William Watt, George H. Case, E. Lee Wager, E. Strudwick, W. G. Lomax, J. E. Douthit, James A. Johnston, William C. Day, Robert E. Dennis, C. W. Trueheart, T. L. Matthews, W. H. Robertson, M. R. Denman, James Long, S. D. G. Niles, M. L. Goodlett, George A. Penny, J. W. Strudwick, E. F. Raymond, William H. Murray, James Haley, Samuel D. Moses, L. W. Smith, Henry R. Thorp, John C. Harrison, David P. Jewett, James M. Calhoun, A. F. Clayton, David Curry, Jos. H. Johnson, William G. Freeman, John G. Lea, S. Hubbell, R. B. P. Harris, James W. Harrison, P. B. Dandridge, W. M. Boroughs, J. W. Clements, P. H. Brown, G. G. Osborne, jr., A. G. Bradley, R. Y. Dwight, G. O. Brosnahan,

J. W. Clement, H. Drennan, B. F. Walton, E. C. Hughes, William R. Burgess, H. M. Pinkhard, James W. Davis, J. S. Vallandigham, Benjamin F. Few, William T. Bell, C. McK. Burkhalter, Thomas D. Hall, L. W. Shepherd, A. R. Rowzie, W. H. Dickerson, E. L. Bardwell, W. B. Almon, J. M. H. Ruff, W. H. Bunch, J. F. Baggott, P. L. Horn, Thomas W. Pierce, C. M. Lowe, J. L. Abrahams, J. W. Jackson, J. F. Griffin, H. M. Prothro, M. P. Vernon, W. M. Clements, G. B. Burton, O. H. Seeds, J. R. Percy, W. M. Hamilton, M. J. Birdsong, H. L. Rugely, T. M. Blakemore, R. G. Lane, G. H. Bailey, R. C. White, A. M. Davidson, J. T. Barton, W. Kennedy, J. M. Frazer, P. Jordan, W. R. McMillan, T. T. Williamson, E. A. Pye, B. W. Bristow, J. A. Blanchard, J. W. Lockhart, R. C. Watson, W. J. Moffitt, E. W. Rogers, R. Linthicum, G. H. Worsham, J. T. Earnest, U. J. Thweatt, H. M. Jones, W. H. Cocke, R. M. Bostwick, G. S. Seymour, J. Berry, L. H. Tigner, W. S. Hancock, G. H. Peets, T. S. Wilson, A. E. Wall, R. L. Knox, G. P. Coggeshall, C. B. Stone, S. E. Lewis, D. E. Connor, T. Chacheré, W. S. Whaley, jr., W. E. Bondurant, D. P. Lagrone, N. M. Chuck, B. F. Crowell, J. S. Pursley, J. P. Hamer, C. G. Stovall, J. O'Brien, W. M. Taggart, G. A. Hogg, D. P. January, and R. T. Hurt, to be assistant surgeons, reported, with the recommendation that all of said nominations be confirmed.

The Senate proceeded to consider said report; and in concurrence therewith, it was

Resolved, That the Senate do advise and consent to their appointment, agreeably to the nomination of the President.

On motion by Mr. Sparrow,

The Senate resolved into open legislative session.

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 29, 1864.

OPEN SESSION.

A message from the House of Representatives, by Mr. Dalton:

Mr. President: The President of the Confederate States has notified the House of Representatives that on the 24th instant he approved and signed an act (H. R. 243) to regulate the pay and mileage of members, and the compensation of officers of the Senate and House of Representatives.

Mr. Walker, from the Committee on the Judiciary, to whom was referred the bill (S. 139) to provide for the compensation of persons whose slaves have been lost while in the service of the Confederate States, reported it without amendment.

Ordered, That it be printed.

The President laid before the Senate a communication from the Secretary of the Treasury, recommending the establishment of a separate office of commissioners of taxes for the Trans-Mississippi Department; which was read.

Ordered, That it lie upon the table.

Mr. Maxwell, from the committee, reported that they had examined and found truly enrolled bills of the following titles:

S. 96. An act to extend the time within which holders of Treasury notes of the old issue may exchange the same for notes of the new issue; and

H. R. 214. An act to define and punish conspiracy against the Confederate States.

The President having signed the enrolled bills last reported to have been examined, they were delivered to the Secretary of the Senate and by him forthwith presented to the President of the Confederate States for his approval.

On motion by Mr. Maxwell,

The Senate resolved into secret legislative session.

The doors having been opened,

The following message was received from the President of the Confederate States, by Mr. B. N. Harrison, his Secretary:

Mr. President: The President of the Confederate States, on the 22d instant, approved and signed an act (S. 136) to provide funds to meet a deficiency in the appropriation to pay the officers and employees of the War Department.

Ordered, That the Secretary inform the House of Representatives thereof.

Mr. Barnwell (by leave) introduced

A bill (S. 151) to provide for the canceling of four per cent bonds and certificates received in payment of taxes and other public dues; which was read the first and second times and considered as in Committee of the Whole; and no amendment being proposed, it was reported to the Senate.

Ordered, That it be engrossed and read a third time.

The said bill was read the third time.

Resolved, That it pass, and that the title thereof be as aforesaid.

Ordered, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the House of Representatives therein.

On motion by Mr. Barnwell,

The Senate adjourned.

SECRET SESSION.

A message from the House of Representatives, by Mr. Dalton:

Mr. President: The House of Representatives have passed a resolution providing for the appointment of a joint committee of the two Houses of Congress to inquire into our present and future means of public defense; in which they request the concurrence of the Senate.

Mr. Caperton submitted the following resolution; which was considered and agreed to:

Resolved, That the President of the Confederate States be requested to inform the Senate, in secret session, as to the state of the finances in connection with the payment of the troops; the means of supplying the munitions of war, transportation, and subsistence; the condition of the Army, and the possibility of recruiting the same; the condition of our foreign relations, and whether any aid or encouragement from abroad is expected, or has been sought, or is proposed; so that the Senate may have a clear and exact view of the state of the country and of its future prospects, and what measures of legislation are required.

The Senate proceeded to consider the resolution of the House of Representatives providing for the appointment of a joint committee of the two Houses of Congress to inquire into our present and future means of public defense.

On motion by Mr. Sparrow, to amend the resolution by striking out the words "and by such other means as they shall deem proper," lines 5 and 6,

It was determined in the negative,	{ Yeas	3
	{ Nays	10

On motion by Mr. Sparrow,

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present,

Those who voted in the affirmative are,
Messrs. Barnwell, Hill, and Sparrow.

Those who voted in the negative are,
Messrs. Brown, Caperton, Garland, Johnson of Missouri, Maxwell, Oldham, Semmes, Simms, Walker, and Watson.

On motion by Mr. Semmes, to amend the resolution by striking out "*by the Congress of the Confederate States*," lines 1 and 2, and inserting "*(the Senate concurring)*,"

It was determined in the affirmative.

On motion by Mr. Semmes, to amend the resolution by striking out the preamble, viz:

There being reason to apprehend that a crisis in our public affairs is impending, for which no adequate provision may have been made; therefore,

It was determined in the affirmative.

No further amendment being made.

Resolved, That this resolution pass with amendments.

Ordered, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the House of Representatives in the amendments.

On motion by Mr. Semmes,

The Senate resolved into executive session.

EXECUTIVE SESSION.

The following message was received from the President of the Confederate States, by Mr. B. N. Harrison, his Secretary:

To the Senate of the Confederate States:

Agreeably to the recommendation of the Secretary of the Navy, I nominate the person named on the annexed list to the office designated.

JEFFERSON DAVIS.

RICHMOND, VA., *December 29, 1864.*

No. 8.]

NAVY DEPARTMENT, CONFEDERATE STATES OF AMERICA,

Richmond, December 20, 1864.

The PRESIDENT.

SIR: I have the honor to recommend the following nomination for appointment in the Provisional Navy:

Assistant paymaster.

Elijah J. Vasser, of Mississippi.

I am, respectfully, your obedient servant,

S. R. MALLORY,
Secretary of the Navy.

The following messages were received from the President of the Confederate States, by Mr. B. N. Harrison, his Secretary:

1.]

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT, CONFEDERATE STATES OF AMERICA,

Richmond, December 29, 1864.

To the Senate of the Confederate States:

Agreeably to the recommendation of the Secretary of War, I nominate the officers on the accompanying list to the grades affixed to their names, respectively.

JEFFERSON DAVIS.

No. 101.]

WAR DEPARTMENT, CONFEDERATE STATES OF AMERICA,

Richmond, December 19, 1864.

SIR: I have the honor to recommend the following nominations for promotion in the Provisional Army of the Confederate States of America:

CORPS OF ENGINEERS.

Colonel.

Lieut. Col. John J. Clarke, of Virginia, to be colonel (an original vacancy), to rank from October 19, 1864.

Lieutenant-colonel.

Maj. S. R. Johnston, of Virginia, to be lieutenant-colonel (an original vacancy), to rank from September 15, 1864.

Majors.

Capt. E. T. D. Myers, of Virginia, to be major, vice Major Nocquet, deserted, to rank from October 19, 1864.

Capt. John McCrady, of South Carolina, to be major, vice Major Meriwether, promoted, to rank from October 19, 1864.

Capt. A. H. Campbell, of Virginia, to be major (an original vacancy), to rank from October 19, 1864.

Capt. John Johnson, of South Carolina, to be major (an original vacancy), to rank from October 19, 1864.

Captains.

First Lieut. E. E. Mason, of Virginia, to be captain, vice Captain Pickett, promoted, to rank from October 19, 1864.

First Lieut. O. Heinrichs, of North Carolina, to be captain, vice Captain Howard, promoted, to rank from October 19, 1864.

First Lieut. J. F. Lanneau, of South Carolina, to be captain, vice Captain Foster, promoted, to rank from October 19, 1864.

First Lieut. J. H. Toomer, of Georgia, to be captain, vice Captain Johnson, promoted, to rank from October 19, 1864.

First Lieut. J. W. Glenn, of Texas, to be captain, vice Captain Ramsay, dismissed, to rank from October 19, 1864.

I am, sir, respectfully, your obedient servant,

JAMES A. SEDDON,
Secretary of War.

To His Excellency JEFFERSON DAVIS,
President, etc.

2.] EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT, CONFEDERATE STATES OF AMERICA,
Richmond, December 19, 1864.

To the Senate of the Confederate States:

Agreeably to the recommendation of the Secretary of War, I nominate the officers on the accompanying list to the grades affixed to their names, respectively.

JEFFERSON DAVIS.

No. 100.] WAR DEPARTMENT, CONFEDERATE STATES OF AMERICA,
Richmond, December 19, 1864.

SIR: I have the honor to recommend the following nominations for promotion in the Provisional Army of the Confederate States of America:

ARTILLERY OFFICERS, FOR ORDNANCE DUTY, UNDER ACTS APPROVED APRIL 21, 1862,
SEPTEMBER 16, 1862, AND JUNE 10, 1864.

Major.

Capt. J. Wilcox Brown, of Virginia, to be major artillery, report to Chief of Ordnance (an original vacancy), to rank from November 4, 1864.

Captains.

First Lieut. R. H. Glenn, of Kentucky, to be captain artillery, to report to Chief of Ordnance (an original vacancy), to rank from August 3, 1864.

First Lieut. F. M. Colston, of Maryland, to be captain artillery, report to Chief of Ordnance (an original vacancy), to rank from September 10, 1864.

First Lieut. James McHenry, jr., of Virginia, to be captain artillery, report to Chief of Ordnance (an original vacancy), to rank from October 27, 1864.

I am, sir, respectfully, your obedient servant,

JAMES A. SEDDON,
Secretary of War.

To His Excellency JEFFERSON DAVIS,
President, etc.

3.] EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT, CONFEDERATE STATES OF AMERICA,
Richmond, December 29, 1864.

To the Senate of the Confederate States:

Agreeably to the recommendation of the Secretary of War, I nominate Brig. Gen. P. M. B. Young, of Georgia, to be major-general, with temporary rank (under act approved May 31, 1864), in the Provisional Army of the Confederate States of America.

JEFFERSON DAVIS.

No. 110.] WAR DEPARTMENT, CONFEDERATE STATES OF AMERICA,
Richmond, December 30, 1864.

SIR: I have the honor to recommend the nomination of Brig. Gen. P. M. B. Young, of Georgia, to be major-general, with temporary rank (under act approved May 31, 1864), in the Provisional Army of the Confederate States of America, report for duty to General Beauregard, to rank from December 30, 1864.

I am, sir, respectfully, your obedient servant,

JAMES A. SEDDON,
Secretary of War.

To His Excellency JEFFERSON DAVIS,
President, etc.

4.] EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT, CONFEDERATE STATES OF AMERICA,
Richmond, December 29, 1864.

To the Senate of the Confederate States:

Agreeably to the recommendation of the Secretary of War, I nominate the officers on the accompanying list to the grades affixed to their names, respectively.

JEFFERSON DAVIS.

No. 98.] WAR DEPARTMENT, CONFEDERATE STATES OF AMERICA,
Richmond, December 19, 1864.

SIR: I have the honor to recommend the following nominations for promotion in the Provisional Army of the Confederate States of America:

COMMISSARY DEPARTMENT.

Majors.

Capt. R. H. Herbert, of Mississippi, to be major, for duty with Hodge's brigade, Department of Alabama, Mississippi, and East Louisiana (an original vacancy), to rank from August 20, 1864.

Capt. T. E. Ballard, of Virginia, to be major, for duty with chief commissary Army of Northern Virginia, to rank from June 15, 1864.

Capt. B. C. Adams, of Alabama, to be major, for duty with chief commissary Army of Northern Virginia, to rank from June 15, 1864.

Capt. W. W. Thornton, of Virginia, to be major, for duty with chief commissary Army of Northern Virginia, to rank from June 15, 1864.

Capt. R. A. Howard, of Texas, to be major, for duty in crossing cattle over the Mississippi River, to rank from October 25, 1864.

Capt. T. C. Dudley, of Virginia, to be major, for duty as assistant to Commissary-General, to rank from November 5, 1864.

Capt. T. H. Bostick, of Tennessee, to be major, for duty with Maney's brigade, vice Major Maney, transferred, to rank from November 2, 1864.

I am, sir, respectfully, your obedient servant,

JAMES A. SEDDON,
Secretary of War.

To His Excellency JEFFERSON DAVIS,
President, etc.

5.] EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT, CONFEDERATE STATES OF AMERICA,
Richmond, December 29, 1864.

To the Senate of the Confederate States:

Agreeably to the recommendation of the Secretary of War, I nominate the officers on the accompanying list to the grades affixed to their names, respectively.

JEFFERSON DAVIS.

No. 62.]

WAR DEPARTMENT, CONFEDERATE STATES OF AMERICA,
Richmond, December 28, 1864.

SIR: I have the honor to recommend the following nominations for appointment in the Provisional Army of the Confederate States of America:

Aids-de-camp—first lieutenants.

Henry J. Rains, of North Carolina, aid to Brigadier-General Rains, Department of Richmond, vice Lieutenant Rundell.

Mims Walker, of Alabama, aid to Brigadier-General Law, Army of Northern Virginia (an original vacancy).

William Semple, of Mississippi, aid to Brigadier-General Brandon (an original vacancy).

W. S. Drayton, of South Carolina, aid to Brigadier-General Drayton, Trans-Mississippi Department, vice Lieut. J. E. Drayton, resigned.

P. Dawson, of Virginia, aid to Brigadier-General Terry, Army of Northern Virginia (an original vacancy).

Augustus Micou, of Louisiana, aid to Brigadier-General Fry, Army of Northern Virginia (an original vacancy).

E. M. Seabrook, of South Carolina, aid to Brigadier-General Ripley, Department of South Carolina, Georgia, and Florida, vice Lieutenant Middleton, resigned.

Graham Daves, of North Carolina, aid to Lieutenant-General Holmes, vice Lieutenant Holmes, killed.

W. H. Crane, of ———, aid to Brigadier-General Liddell, Trans-Mississippi Department, vice Lieutenant Bostick, dropped.

H. M. Judge, of South Carolina, aid to Brigadier-General Bratton, Army of Northern Virginia (an original vacancy).

George W. Scott, of Mississippi, aid to Brigadier-General Scott, Department of Alabama, Mississippi, and East Louisiana (an original vacancy).

H. L. Davis, of Mississippi, aid to Brigadier-General Hodge (an original vacancy).

J. Stephenson, of Virginia, aid to Major-General Field, Army of Northern Virginia, vice Lieutenant Robb, resigned.

A. G. McGrath, of South Carolina, aid to Brigadier-General Conner, Army of Northern Virginia (an original vacancy).

S. M. G. Gary, of South Carolina, aid to Brigadier-General Gary, Department of Richmond (an original vacancy).

W. Abercrombie, of Georgia, aid to Major-General French, vice Lieutenant Sanders, promoted.

J. M. Davis, of South Carolina, aid to Major-General Kershaw, Army of Northern Virginia, vice Lieutenant Doles, killed.

E. B. Meade, of Virginia, aid to Brigadier-General Lane, Army of Northern Virginia, vice Lieutenant Lane, deceased.

S. W. Oliver, of Alabama, aid to Major-General Gardner (an original vacancy), the date, April 29, 1863, ordered by Secretary of War.

James H. Murray, of Mississippi, aid to Major-General Anderson, Army of Tennessee (an original vacancy).

C. V. Haile, of Louisiana, aid to Brigadier-General Stevens, Army of Northern Virginia (an original vacancy).

A. P. Moore, of Louisiana, aid to Brigadier-General Major, Trans-Mississippi Department (an original vacancy).

Richard H. Burks, of Virginia, aid to Brigadier-General McCausland, Army of Northern Virginia (an original vacancy).

A. Huguenin, of South Carolina, aid to Major-General McLaws, Department of South Carolina, Georgia, and Florida, vice Lieutenant Tucker, retired.

Charles H. Law, of Georgia, aid to Brigadier-General Cook, Army of Northern Virginia (an original vacancy).

John G. Thomas, of Georgia, aid to Brigadier-General Thomas, Army of Northern Virginia (an original vacancy).

John R. Carwile, of South Carolina, aid to Major-General Kershaw, Army of Northern Virginia (an original vacancy).

Frank H. Govan, of Mississippi, aid to Brigadier-General Govan, Army of Tennessee, vice Lieutenant Bostick, deceased.

John E. Saunders, of Tennessee, aid to Major-General Johnson, Army of Northern Virginia (an original vacancy).

F. C. Foard, of North Carolina, aid to Brigadier-General Barringer, Army of Northern Virginia (an original vacancy).

Jos. F. Dennis, of Alabama, aid to Brigadier-General Baker, Army of Tennessee, vice Lieutenant Black, declined.

I am, sir, respectfully, your obedient servant,

JAMES A. SEDDON,
Secretary of War.

To His Excellency JEFFERSON DAVIS,
President, &c.

6.] EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT, CONFEDERATE STATES OF AMERICA,
Richmond, December 29, 1864.

To the Senate of the Confederate States:

Agreeably to the recommendation of the Secretary of War, I nominate the officers on the accompanying list to the grades affixed to their names, respectively.

JEFFERSON DAVIS.

No. 108.] WAR DEPARTMENT, CONFEDERATE STATES OF AMERICA,
Richmond, December 21, 1864.

SIR: I have the honor to recommend the following nominations for promotion in the Provisional Army of the Confederate States of America:

Colonels.

Lieut. Col. M. R. Hall, of Georgia, to be colonel Forty-eighth Georgia Regiment, vice Colonel Gibson, resigned, to rank from November 12, 1864.

Lieut. Col. W. H. Weems, of Georgia, to be colonel Sixty-fourth Georgia Regiment, vice Colonel Evans, killed, to rank from July 30, 1864.

Lieut. Col. W. R. Moore, of Florida, to be colonel Second Floridá Regiment, vice Colonel Pyles, retired, to rank from July 12, 1864.

Lieut. Col. J. B. Bibb, of Alabama, to be colonel Twenty-third Alabama Regiment, vice Colonel Beck, killed, to rank from October 12, 1864.

Lieut. Col. R. N. Lewis, of Tennessee, to be colonel Thirty-fourth Tennessee Regiment, vice Colonel McMurry, deceased, to rank from October 2, 1863.

Lieutenant-colonels.

Maj. O. A. Bradshaw, of Tennessee, to be lieutenant-colonel Thirty-fourth Tennessee Regiment, vice Lieutenant-Colonel Lewis, promoted, to rank from October 2, 1863.

Capt. G. W. Arnold, of Alabama, to be lieutenant-colonel Fiftieth Alabama Regiment, vice Lieutenant-Colonel Chadick, resigned, and the major waived his claim, to rank from April 2, 1864.

Majors.

Capt. Jos. Bostick, of Tennessee, to be major Thirty-fourth Tennessee Regiment, vice Major Bradshaw, promoted, to rank from October 2, 1863.

Capt. M. D. Jones, of Georgia, to be major Ninth Georgia Cavalry Regiment, vice Major Wright, promoted, to rank from October 9, 1863.

Capt. J. N. Shedd, of South Carolina, to be major Twenty-second South Carolina Regiment, vice Major Stewart, cashiered, to rank from December 2, 1864.

I am, sir, respectfully, your obedient servant,

JAMES A. SEDDON,
Secretary of War.

To His Excellency JEFFERSON DAVIS,
President, &c.

7.] EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT, CONFEDERATE STATES OF AMERICA,
Richmond, December 29, 1864.

To the Senate of the Confederate States:

Agreeably to the recommendation of the Secretary of War, I nominate the officers on the accompanying list to the grades affixed to their names, respectively.

JEFFERSON DAVIS.

No. 103.]

WAR DEPARTMENT, CONFEDERATE STATES OF AMERICA,
Richmond, December 19, 1864.

SIR: I have the honor to recommend the following nominations for appointment in the Provisional Army of the Confederate States of America:

ARTILLERY OFFICERS, FOR ORDNANCE DUTY, UNDER ACTS APPROVED APRIL 21, 1862, SEPTEMBER 16, 1862, AND JUNE 10, 1864.

First lieutenants.

J. M. Payne, of Virginia, to rank from June 14, 1864.

W. M. Fontaine, of Virginia, to rank from June 14, 1864.

Second lieutenants.

N. M. Osborne, of Virginia, to rank from June 14, 1864.

J. T. Allyn, of Virginia, to rank from June 14, 1864.

J. Howard Smith, of Virginia, to rank from June 14, 1864.

J. J. Hay, of Mississippi, to rank from June 14, 1864.

J. M. Armistead, of Mississippi, to rank from June 14, 1864.

P. B. Dallas, of Florida, to rank from June 14, 1864.

Percy Bell, of Texas, to rank from June 14, 1864.

J. W. Carrington, of Mississippi, to rank from June 14, 1864.

Joseph Packard, jr., of North Carolina, to rank from June 14, 1864.

J. B. Prince, of North Carolina, to rank from June 14, 1864.

T. B. Bailey, of North Carolina, to rank from June 14, 1864.

N. H. Hazlewood, of North Carolina, to rank from June 14, 1864.

Thomas C. Pinckard, of Alabama, to rank from June 14, 1864.

W. T. Weaver, of Alabama, to rank from June 14, 1864.

J. G. Garrett, of Alabama, to rank from June 14, 1864.

C. H. Withrow, of Mississippi, to rank from June 14, 1864.

I am, sir, respectfully, your obedient servant,

JAMES A. SEDDON,
Secretary of War.

To His Excellency JEFFERSON DAVIS,
President, etc.

8.]

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT, CONFEDERATE STATES OF AMERICA,
Richmond, December 29, 1864.

To the Senate of the Confederate States:

Agreeably to the recommendation of the Secretary of War, I nominate Capt. A. Meade Smith, to be promoted major in the Subsistence Department, Provisional Army of the Confederate States of America.

JEFFERSON DAVIS.

No. 106.]

WAR DEPARTMENT, CONFEDERATE STATES OF AMERICA,
Richmond, December 21, 1864.

SIR: I have the honor to recommend the nomination of Capt. A. Meade Smith, of Virginia, to be promoted major in the Subsistence Department, Provisional Army of the Confederate States of America, for duty with Payne's brigade, Army of Northern Virginia (an original vacancy), to rank from June 14, 1864.

I am, sir, respectfully, your obedient servant,

JAMES A. SEDDON,
Secretary of War.

To His Excellency JEFFERSON DAVIS,
President, etc.

10.]

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT, CONFEDERATE STATES OF AMERICA,
Richmond, December 29, 1864.

To the Senate of the Confederate States:

Agreeably to the recommendation of the Secretary of War, I nominate Second Lieut. Eli Duvall, of Maryland, to be first lieutenant and signal officer in the Provisional Army of the Confederate States of America.

JEFFERSON DAVIS.

No. 102.]

WAR DEPARTMENT, CONFEDERATE STATES OF AMERICA,
Richmond, December 19, 1864.

SIR: I have the honor to recommend the nomination of Second Lieut. Eli Duvall, of Maryland, to be promoted to first lieutenant and signal officer in the Provisional Army of the Confederate States of America, vice Lieutenant Burke, resigned, to rank from August 16, 1864.

I am, sir, respectfully, your obedient servant,

JAMES A. SEDDON,
Secretary of War.

To His Excellency JEFFERSON DAVIS,
President, &c.

11.]

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT, CONFEDERATE STATES OF AMERICA,
Richmond, December 29, 1864.

To the Senate of the Confederate States:

Agreeably to the recommendation of the Secretary of War, I nominate the officers on the accompanying list to the grades affixed to their names, respectively.

JEFFERSON DAVIS.

No. 96.]

WAR DEPARTMENT, CONFEDERATE STATES OF AMERICA,
Richmond, December 19, 1864.

SIR: I have the honor to recommend the following nominations for promotion in the Provisional Army of the Confederate States of America:

ADJUTANT-GENERAL'S DEPARTMENT.

Lieutenant-colonels.

Maj. E. Surget, of Louisiana, to be lieutenant-colonel, for duty in Department of Alabama, Mississippi, and East Louisiana, to rank from September 20, 1864.

Maj. M. W. Levy, of Louisiana, to be lieutenant-colonel, for duty in Department of Alabama, Mississippi, and East Louisiana, to rank from September 20, 1864.

Maj. H. E. Peyton, of Virginia, to be lieutenant-colonel, for duty with Army of Northern Virginia (an original vacancy), to rank from September 20, 1864.

Majors.

Capt. S. L. Black, of Arkansas, to be major, for duty with Hardee's old corps, Army of Tennessee (an original vacancy), to rank from July 26, 1864.

Capt. J. M. Adams, of North Carolina, to be major, for duty with Hoke's division, Army of Northern Virginia (an original vacancy), to rank from August 31, 1864.

Capt. H. E. Young, of South Carolina, to be major, for duty with Army of Northern Virginia, vice Major Peyton, promoted, to rank from September 20, 1864.

I am, sir, respectfully, your obedient servant,

JAMES A. SEDDON,
Secretary of War.

To His Excellency JEFFERSON DAVIS,
President, &c.

12.]

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT, CONFEDERATE STATES OF AMERICA,
Richmond, December 29, 1864.

To the Senate of the Confederate States:

Agreeably to the recommendation of the Secretary of War, I hereby nominate Col. J. E. Harrison, to be brigadier-general.

JEFFERSON DAVIS.

No. 109.]

WAR DEPARTMENT, CONFEDERATE STATES OF AMERICA,
Richmond, December 23, 1864.

SIR: I have the honor to recommend the nomination of Col. J. E. Harrison, of Texas, to be brigadier-general in the Provisional Army of the Confederate States, to command a brigade in the Trans-Mississippi Department, to rank from December 22, 1864.

I am, sir, respectfully, your obedient servant,

JAMES A. SEDDON,
Secretary of War.

To His Excellency JEFFERSON DAVIS,
President, &c.

13.] EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT, CONFEDERATE STATES OF AMERICA,
Richmond, December 29, 1864.

To the Senate of the Confederate States:

Agreeably to the recommendation of the Secretary of War, I nominate Maj. J. P. W. Read, of Georgia, to be lieutenant-colonel of artillery (under act approved January 22, 1862) in the Provisional Army of the Confederate States of America.

JEFFERSON DAVIS.

No. 99.] WAR DEPARTMENT, CONFEDERATE STATES OF AMERICA,
Richmond, December 19, 1864.

SIR: I have the honor to recommend the nomination of Maj. J. P. W. Read, of Georgia, to be promoted to lieutenant-colonel of artillery (under act approved January 22, 1862) in the Provisional Army of the Confederate States of America, report for duty to Gen. R. E. Lee, to rank from October 27, 1864.

I am, sir, respectfully, your obedient servant,

JAMES A. SEDDON,
Secretary of War.

To His Excellency JEFFERSON DAVIS,
President, etc.

The messages were severally read.

Ordered, That they be referred to the Committee on Military Affairs.

On motion by Mr. Hill,

The Senate resolved into open legislative session.

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 30, 1864.

OPEN SESSION.

A message from the House of Representatives, by Mr. Dalton:

Mr. President: The House of Representatives have passed bills of the following titles; in which they request the concurrence of the Senate:

H. R. 305. An act to grant free transportation to officers, noncommissioned officers, and privates of the Army traveling on leave of indulgence; and

H. R. 306. An act to provide commissioned officers of the Army and Navy and Marine Corps with clothing.

The President of the Confederate States has notified the House of Representatives that on the 22d instant he approved and signed an act (H. R. 283) to amend an act entitled "An act providing for the establishment and payment of claims for a certain description of property taken or informally impressed for the use of the Army," approved June 14, 1864.

Mr. Sparrow (by leave) introduced

A bill (S. 152) to amend the several acts in regard to military storekeepers of ordnance;

which was read the first and second times and referred to the Committee on Military Affairs.

Mr. Sparrow submitted the following resolution; which was considered and agreed to:

Resolved, That the Committee on Military Affairs be instructed to inquire into the expediency of increasing the number and rank of officers in the Engineer Corps of the Provisional Army.

Mr. Walker, from the Committee on the Judiciary, to whom was recommitted the bill (S. 140) to guard against improper constructions of the tax laws by the officers charged with the execution of the same, reported it without further amendment.

The Senate proceeded, as in Committee of the Whole, to the consideration of the said bill; and

On motion by Mr. Garland,

Ordered, That the further consideration thereof be postponed until Monday next.

The bills received this day from the House of Representatives for concurrence were severally read the first and second times; and

Ordered, That the bill numbered 305 be referred to the Committee on Military Affairs and that the bill numbered 306 be referred to the Committee on Naval Affairs.

The President laid before the Senate a communication from the Secretary of the Treasury, recommending the passage of a law making funds in the hands of depositaries subject to the drafts of the Postmaster-General; which was read.

Ordered, That it be referred to the Committee on Finance.

On motion by Mr. Semmes,

The Senate resolved into secret legislative session.

The doors having been opened,

On motion by Mr. Semmes,

The Senate adjourned.

SECRET SESSION.

A message from the House of Representatives, by Mr. Dalton:

Mr. President: The House of Representatives have agreed to the amendments of the Senate to the resolution of the House providing for the appointment of a joint committee of the two Houses of Congress to inquire into our present and future means of public defense; and have appointed, as the committee on their part, Messrs. Baldwin of Virginia, Machen of Kentucky, Pugh of Alabama, Conrad of Louisiana, and Colyar of Tennessee.

On motion by Mr. Walker,

Ordered, That the committee on the part of the Senate, under the resolution last mentioned, be appointed by the President; and

Mr. Caperton, Mr. Oldham, and Mr. Hill were appointed.

Ordered, That the Secretary inform the House of Representatives thereof.

On motion by Mr. Semmes,

The Senate resolved into open legislative session.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 31, 1864.

OPEN SESSION.

Mr. Barnwell, from the Committee on Finance, reported

A bill (S. 153) appropriating, for the use of the Post-Office Department, certain moneys deposited by postmasters with the depositaries of the Government created under the act approved February 17, 1864; which was read the first and second times and considered as in Committee of the Whole; and no amendment being proposed, it was reported to the Senate.

Ordered, That it be engrossed and read a third time.

The said bill was read the third time.

Resolved, That it pass, and that the title thereof be as aforesaid.

Ordered, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the House of Representatives therein.

On motion by Mr. Barnwell,

The Senate adjourned.

MONDAY, JANUARY 2, 1865.

OPEN SESSION.

A message from the House of Representatives, by Mr. Dalton:

Mr. President: The President of the Confederate States has notified the House of Representatives that on the 29th ultimo he approved and signed an act (H. R. 214) to define and punish conspiracy against the Confederate States.

The House of Representatives have passed bills of the following titles; in which they request the concurrence of the Senate:

H. R. 191. An act to facilitate the settlement of claims of deceased officers and soldiers;

H. R. 300. An act to provide for the canceling of four per cent bonds and certificates received in payment of taxes and other public dues;

H. R. 301. An act to increase the pay of matrons of hospitals; and

H. R. 302. An act to amend an act approved August 21, 1861, entitled "An act to provide for local defense and special service," and an act approved October 13, 1862, entitled "An act to authorize the formation of volunteer companies for local defense."

And they have passed Senate bills of the following titles:

S. 93. An act to amend an act entitled "An act to provide for the safe custody, printing, publication, and distribution of the laws, and to provide for the appointment of an additional clerk in the Department of Justice," approved August 5, 1861;

S. 147. An act to provide for the transfer of certain appropriations; and

S. 148. An act in relation to the accounts to be kept at the Treasury of sequestered estates, the first named with an amendment; in which they request the concurrence of the Senate.

Mr. Simms presented a communication from A. G. Lane, surgeon in charge of Winder Hospital, in relation to an increase of compensation of matrons and female clerks in hospitals; which was referred to the select committee appointed to inquire into the adequacy of the compensation allowed to persons employed in making clothing for the Army, and to females in the Ordnance Department.

Mr. Oldham submitted the following resolution for consideration:

Resolved, That the Committee on Finance be instructed to inquire into the expediency and practicability of adopting the following measures as a means of restoring and sustaining the financial credit of the Government, to wit:

First. Of limiting the outstanding circulation of Treasury notes by law, so that it shall never exceed the maximum of one hundred and fifty millions of dollars.

Second. Of levying a tax of one per cent upon all the subjects of taxation specified in the act of February seventeenth, eighteen hundred and sixty-four, to be collected in Treasury notes at their market value in specie; the value to be ascertained and made known from time to time in a mode to be prescribed by law.

Third. Of levying an export duty of twenty-five per centum upon the value of all exports, to be collected in specie, or in the coupons of the five hundred million loan under the act of February seventeenth, eighteen hundred and sixty-four; the specie so collected to be applied to the redemption of the coupons of said loans.

Ordered, That the resolution be printed.

Mr. Barnwell, from the Committee on Finance, reported

A bill (S. 154) to authorize the appointment of certain tax officers for the Trans-Mississippi Department; which was read the first and second times and considered as in Committee of the Whole; and no amendment being proposed, it was reported to the Senate.

Ordered, That it be engrossed and read a third time.

The said bill was read the third time.

Resolved, That it pass, and that the title thereof be as aforesaid.

Ordered, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the House of Representatives therein.

The bill (H. R. 300) to provide for the canceling of four per cent bonds and certificates received in payment of taxes and other public dues was read the first and second times and considered as in Committee of the Whole; and no amendment being proposed, it was reported to the Senate.

Ordered, That it pass to a third reading.

The said bill was read the third time.

Resolved, That it pass.

Ordered, That the Secretary inform the House of Representatives thereof.

The residue of the bills received this day from the House of Representatives for concurrence were severally read the first and second times; and

Ordered, That the bill numbered 191 be referred to the Committee on the Judiciary and that the bills numbered 301 and 302 be referred to the Committee on Military Affairs.

The Senate proceeded to consider the amendment of the House of Representatives to the bill (S. 93) to amend an act entitled "An act to provide for the safe custody, printing, publication, and distribution of the laws, and to provide for the appointment of an additional clerk in the Department of Justice," approved August 5, 1861; and

Ordered, That it be referred to the Committee on Printing.

Mr. Johnson of Missouri submitted the following resolution; which was considered and agreed to:

Resolved, That the privilege of the floor of the Senate be extended to Lieutenant-General Jubal A. Early, during his stay in this city.

On motion by Mr. Semmes,

The Senate adjourned.

TUESDAY, JANUARY 3, 1865.

OPEN SESSION.

Mr. Maxwell presented a resolution of the general assembly of the State of Florida, instructing and requesting the Senators and Representatives of that State in Congress to use their best endeavors to have the law providing for the establishment and payment of claims for a certain description of property taken or informally impressed for the use of the Army, reenacted and continued in force during the war; which was read.

Ordered, That it lie upon the table.

A message from the President of the Confederate States, by Mr. B. N. Harrison, his Secretary:

Mr. President: The President of the Confederate States, on the 29th ultimo, approved and signed an act (S. 96) to extend the time within which holders of Treasury notes of the old issue may exchange the same for notes of the new issue.

Ordered, That the Secretary inform the House of Representatives thereof.

Mr. Brown submitted the following resolution for consideration:

Resolved (the House of Representatives concurring), That the President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of Representatives adjourn their respective Houses at twelve o'clock meridian, on Tuesday, the twenty-fourth instant, until Tuesday, the fourth day of July, eighteen hundred and sixty-five.

The Senate proceeded, as in Committee of the Whole, to the consideration of the bill (S. 139) to provide for the compensation of per-

sous whose slaves have been lost while in the service of the Confederate States.

On motion by Mr. Watson, to amend the bill by inserting before "capture," line 13, the words "escape to or,"

It was determined in the affirmative.

No further amendment being proposed, the bill was reported to the Senate and the amendment was concurred in.

Ordered, That the bill be engrossed and read a third time.

The said bill was read the third time.

Resolved, That it pass, and that the title thereof be as aforesaid.

Ordered, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the House of Representatives therein.

The Senate resumed, as in Committee of the Whole, the consideration of the bill (S. 140) to guard against the improper constructions of the tax laws by the officers charged with the execution of the same; and

On motion by Mr. Barnwell,

Ordered, That the further consideration thereof be postponed indefinitely.

The Senate resumed, as in Committee of the Whole, the consideration of the bill (S. 106) to repeal in part an act to regulate the destruction of property, under military necessity, and to provide for the indemnity thereof, approved March 17, 1862; and

On motion by Mr. Walker,

Ordered, That the further consideration thereof be postponed until Monday next.

The Senate resumed, as in Committee of the Whole, the consideration of the bill (S. 134) to increase the maximum rates of compensation allowed to railroad companies for the transportation of the mails of the Confederate States; and

On motion by Mr. Garland,

Ordered, That the further consideration thereof be postponed until Tuesday next.

On motion by Mr. Sparrow,

The Senate resolved into executive session.

The doors having been opened,

On motion by Mr. Hill,

The Senate adjourned.

EXECUTIVE SESSION.

The following message was received from the President of the Confederate States, by Mr. B. N. Harrison, his Secretary:

1.] EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT, CONFEDERATE STATES OF AMERICA,
Richmond, December 30, 1864.

To the Senate of the Confederate States:

Agreeably to the recommendation of the Secretary of War, I nominate the officers on the accompanying list to the grades affixed to their names, respectively.

JEFFERSON DAVIS.

No. 125.] WAR DEPARTMENT, CONFEDERATE STATES OF AMERICA,
Richmond, December 30, 1864.

SIR: I have the honor to recommend the following nominations for appointment in the Provisional Army of the Confederate States of America:

Chaplains.

W. W. Bennett, of Virginia, to be chaplain, to report to the Medical Director, Richmond, for assignment to hospital duty, to rank from December 23, 1864.

D. Manney, of Alabama, to be chaplain, for duty at St. Mary's Hospital, Montgomery, Ala., vice Chaplain Pellicer, resigned, to rank from December 22, 1864.

I am, sir, respectfully, your obedient servant,

JAMES A. SEDDON,
Secretary of War.

To His Excellency JEFFERSON DAVIS,
President, etc.

The message was read.

The Senate proceeded to consider the nomination of W. W. Bennett, to be chaplain; and

Resolved, That the Senate do advise and consent to his appointment, agreeably to the nomination of the President.

On motion.

Ordered, That the remaining nomination contained therein be referred to the Committee on Military Affairs.

The following messages were received from the President of the Confederate States, by Mr. B. N. Harrison, his Secretary:

2.] EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT, CONFEDERATE STATES OF AMERICA,
Richmond, December 30, 1864.

To the Senate of the Confederate States:

Agreeably to the recommendation of the Secretary of War, I nominate Capt. W. J. Armstrong, of Virginia, to be promoted to major in the Subsistence Department, Provisional Army of the Confederate States of America.

JEFFERSON DAVIS.

No. 124.] WAR DEPARTMENT, CONFEDERATE STATES OF AMERICA,
Richmond, December 30, 1864.

SIR: I have the honor to recommend the nomination of Capt. W. J. Armstrong, of Virginia, to be promoted to major in the Subsistence Department, Provisional Army of the Confederate States of America, for duty with artillery, Second Corps, Army of Northern Virginia, to rank from December 26, 1864.

I am, sir, respectfully, your obedient servant,

JAMES A. SEDDON,
Secretary of War.

To His Excellency JEFFERSON DAVIS,
President, etc.

3.] EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT, CONFEDERATE STATES OF AMERICA,
Richmond, December 30, 1864.

To the Senate of the Confederate States:

Agreeably to the recommendation of the Secretary of War, I nominate Leigh M. Blanton, of Virginia, to be second lieutenant Company C, First Virginia Regiment (for distinguished valor and skill), in the Provisional Army of the Confederate States of America.

JEFFERSON DAVIS.

No. 120.] WAR DEPARTMENT, CONFEDERATE STATES OF AMERICA,
Richmond, December 30, 1864.

SIR: I have the honor to recommend the nomination of Leigh M. Blanton, of Virginia, to be second lieutenant Company C, First Virginia Regiment (for distinguished valor and skill), in the Provisional Army of the Confederate States of America, vice Lieutenant Donoughue, killed, to rank from December 19, 1864.

I am, sir, respectfully, your obedient servant,

JAMES A. SEDDON,
Secretary of War.

To His Excellency JEFFERSON DAVIS,
President, etc.

4.] EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT, CONFEDERATE STATES OF AMERICA,
Richmond, December 30, 1864.

To the Senate of the Confederate States:

Agreeably to the recommendation of the Secretary of War, I nominate Hart Gibson, of Kentucky, to be an assistant adjutant-general, with rank of captain in the Provisional Army of the Confederate States of America.

JEFFERSON DAVIS.

No. 123.]

WAR DEPARTMENT, CONFEDERATE STATES OF AMERICA,
Richmond, December 30, 1864.

SIR: I have the honor to recommend the nomination of Hart Gibson, of Kentucky, to be an assistant adjutant-general, with the rank of captain in the Provisional Army of the Confederate States of America, report for duty to the Adjutant and Inspector General, to date from December 29, 1864.

I am, sir, respectfully, your obedient servant,

JAMES A. SEDDON,
Secretary of War.

To His Excellency JEFFERSON DAVIS,
President, etc.

5.]

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT, CONFEDERATE STATES OF AMERICA,
Richmond, December 30, 1864.

To the Senate of the Confederate States:

Agreeably to the recommendation of the Secretary of War, I nominate the officers on the accompanying list to the grades affixed to their names, respectively.

JEFFERSON DAVIS.

No. 117.]

WAR DEPARTMENT, CONFEDERATE STATES OF AMERICA,
Richmond, December 29, 1864.

SIR: I have the honor to recommend the following nominations for appointment in the Provisional Army of the Confederate States of America:

Colonel.

H. H. Miller, of Mississippi, to be colonel Ninth Mississippi Cavalry Regiment (formed by consolidating the organizations known as Steede's and Sanders' battalions and unattached companies—formed by special order), to rank from December 21, 1864.

Lieutenant-colonel.

A. C. Steede, of Mississippi, to be lieutenant-colonel Ninth Mississippi Cavalry Regiment (see remarks under nomination of Colonel Miller, above), to rank from December 21, 1864.

I am, sir, respectfully, your obedient servant,

JAMES A. SEDDON,
Secretary of War.

To His Excellency JEFFERSON DAVIS,
President, etc.

6.]

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT, CONFEDERATE STATES OF AMERICA,
Richmond, January 3, 1865.

To the Senate of the Confederate States:

Agreeably to the recommendation of the Secretary of War, I nominate Lieut. C. A. C. Waller, of Georgia, to be captain Company G, Sixty-fourth Georgia Regiment (for distinguished valor and skill), in the Provisional Army of the Confederate States of America.

JEFFERSON DAVIS.

No. 128.]

WAR DEPARTMENT, CONFEDERATE STATES OF AMERICA,
Richmond, December 31, 1864.

SIR: I have the honor to recommend the nomination of Lieut. C. A. C. Waller, of Georgia, to be captain Company G, Sixty-fourth Georgia Regiment (for distinguished valor and skill), in the Provisional Army of the Confederate States of America, vice Captain Smith, resigned, to rank from December 21, 1864.

I am, sir, respectfully, your obedient servant,

JAMES A. SEDDON,
Secretary of War.

To His Excellency JEFFERSON DAVIS,
President, etc.

7.]

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT, CONFEDERATE STATES OF AMERICA,
Richmond, January 3, 1865.

To the Senate of the Confederate States:

Agreeably to the recommendation of the Secretary of War, I nominate the officers on the accompanying list to the grades affixed to their names, respectively.

JEFFERSON DAVIS.

No. 126.]

WAR DEPARTMENT, CONFEDERATE STATES OF AMERICA,
Richmond, December 30, 1864.

SIR: I have the honor to recommend the following nominations for appointment in the Provisional Army of the Confederate States of America:

Second lieutenants.

Henry A. Wise, jr., of Virginia, to be second lieutenant Smith's battery artillery, no one in the company fit for promotion, to rank from December 19, 1864.

A. R. Elmore, of South Carolina, to be second lieutenant, First South Carolina Regiment (enlisted men), vice Lieutenant Dwight, resigned, to rank from December 20, 1864.

I am, sir, respectfully, your obedient servant,

JAMES A. SEDDON,
Secretary of War.

To His Excellency JEFFERSON DAVIS,
President, &c.

8.]

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT, CONFEDERATE STATES OF AMERICA,
*Richmond, January 3, 1865.**To the Senate of the Confederate States:*

Agreeably to the recommendation of the Secretary of War, I nominate the officers on the accompanying list to the grades affixed to their names, respectively.

JEFFERSON DAVIS.

No. 127.]

WAR DEPARTMENT, CONFEDERATE STATES OF AMERICA,
Richmond, December 30, 1864.

SIR: I have the honor to recommend the following nominations for appointment in the Provisional Army of the Confederate States of America:

Adjutants—first lieutenants.

James A. Cate, of Tennessee, to be adjutant Third Tennessee Regiment (an original vacancy), to rank from December 20, 1864.

C. D. Christian, of Mississippi, to be adjutant Forty-third Mississippi Regiment, vice Adjutant Sykes, deceased, to rank from November 1, 1864.

George Marshall, of Mississippi, to be adjutant Ninth Mississippi Cavalry Regiment (an original vacancy), to rank from December 21, 1864.

R. M. Henderson, of Texas, to be adjutant Ninth Texas Regiment, vice Adjutant Griffin, killed, to rank from November 11, 1864.

William Munroe, of South Carolina, to be adjutant Eighteenth South Carolina Regiment, vice Adjutant Sims, deceased, to rank from November 25, 1864.

I am, sir, respectfully, your obedient servant,

JAMES A. SEDDON,
Secretary of War.

To His Excellency JEFFERSON DAVIS,
President, &c.

9.]

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT, CONFEDERATE STATES OF AMERICA,
*Richmond, December 30, 1864.**To the Senate of the Confederate States:*

Agreeably to the recommendation of the Secretary of War, I nominate the officers on the accompanying list to the grades affixed to their names, respectively.

JEFFERSON DAVIS.

No. 121.]

WAR DEPARTMENT, CONFEDERATE STATES OF AMERICA,
Richmond, December 30, 1864.

SIR: I have the honor to recommend the following nominations for appointment in the Provisional Army of the Confederate States of America (for distinguished valor and skill):

Second lieutenants.

Walter S. Allen, of South Carolina, to be second lieutenant Company K, Fourteenth South Carolina Regiment, vice Lieutenant Bryan, retired, to rank from December 23, 1864.

John F. Lovin, of Tennessee, to be second lieutenant Company B, Third Confederate Regiment, vice Lieutenant Wilson, appointed assistant adjutant-general, to rank from June 15, 1864.

I am, sir, respectfully, your obedient servant,

JAMES A. SEDDON,
Secretary of War.

To His Excellency JEFFERSON DAVIS,
President, &c.

10.] EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT, CONFEDERATE STATES OF AMERICA,
Richmond, December 30, 1864.

To the Senate of the Confederate States:

Agreeably to the recommendation of the Secretary of War, I nominate Capt. T. G. Barham, of Virginia, to be lieutenant-colonel Twenty-fourth Virginia Cavalry Regiment (for distinguished valor and skill), in the Provisional Army of the Confederate States of America.

JEFFERSON DAVIS.

No. 119.] WAR DEPARTMENT, CONFEDERATE STATES OF AMERICA,
Richmond, December 29, 1864.

SIR: I have the honor to recommend the nomination of Capt. T. G. Barham, of Virginia, to be lieutenant-colonel Twenty-fourth Virginia Cavalry Regiment, in the Provisional Army of the Confederate States of America (for distinguished valor and skill), to fill an original vacancy, to rank from December 7, 1864.

I am, sir, respectfully, your obedient servant,

JAMES A. SEDDON,
Secretary of War.

To His Excellency JEFFERSON DAVIS,
President, &c.

11.] EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT, CONFEDERATE STATES OF AMERICA,
Richmond, December 30, 1864.

To the Senate of the Confederate States:

Agreeably to the recommendation of the Secretary of War, I nominate the officers on the accompanying list to the grades affixed to their names, respectively.

JEFFERSON DAVIS.

No. 122.] WAR DEPARTMENT, CONFEDERATE STATES OF AMERICA,
Richmond, December 30, 1864.

SIR: I have the honor to recommend the following nominations for promotion in the Provisional Army of the Confederate States of America:

ADJUTANT-GENERAL'S DEPARTMENT.

Lieutenant-colonels.

Maj. O. Latrobe, of Maryland, to be lieutenant-colonel, for duty with First Corps, Army of Northern Virginia, vice Lieutenant-Colonel Sorrel, transferred, to rank from December 19, 1864.

Maj. J. W. Fairfax, of Virginia, to be lieutenant-colonel, for duty with First Corps, Army of Northern Virginia (an original vacancy), to rank from December 19, 1864.

I am, sir, respectfully, your obedient servant,

JAMES A. SEDDON,
Secretary of War.

To His Excellency JEFFERSON DAVIS,
President, &c.

12.] EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT, CONFEDERATE STATES OF AMERICA,
Richmond, December 30, 1864.

To the Senate of the Confederate States:

Agreeably to the recommendation of the Secretary of War, I nominate the officers on the accompanying list to the grades affixed to their names, respectively.

JEFFERSON DAVIS.

No. 118.] WAR DEPARTMENT, CONFEDERATE STATES OF AMERICA,
Richmond, December 29, 1864.

SIR: I have the honor to recommend the following nominations for promotion in the Provisional Army of the Confederate States of America:

Colonels.

Lieut. Col. M. S. Langhorne, of Virginia, to be colonel Eleventh Virginia Regiment, vice Colonel Funsten, resigned, to rank from September 24, 1863.

Lieut. Col. James Aiken, of Alabama, to be colonel Thirteenth Alabama Regiment, vice Colonel Fry, appointed brigadier-general, to rank from May 24, 1864.

Lieutenant-colonels.

Maj. E. H. Armistead, of Alabama, to be lieutenant-colonel Twenty-second Alabama Regiment, vice Lieutenant-Colonel Toulmin, promoted, to rank from July 28, 1864.

Maj. J. S. Cone, of Georgia, to be lieutenant-colonel Forty-seventh Georgia Regiment, vice Lieutenant-Colonel Phillips, retired, to rank from November 5, 1864.

Majors.

Capt. T. A. Martin, of North Carolina, to be major Thirteenth North Carolina Regiment, vice Major Withers, promoted, to rank from October 19, 1864.

Capt. T. McC. Prince, of Alabama, to be major Twenty-second Alabama Regiment, vice Major Armistead, promoted, to rank from July 28, 1864.

Capt. W. H. Burr, of Alabama, to be major Thirtieth Alabama Regiment, vice Major Elliott, promoted, to rank from July 30, 1864.

I am, sir, respectfully, your obedient servant,

JAMES A. SEDDON,
Secretary of War.

To His Excellency JEFFERSON DAVIS,
President, etc.

13.] EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT, CONFEDERATE STATES OF AMERICA,
Richmond, December 29, 1864.

To the Senate of the Confederate States:

Agreeably to the recommendation of the Secretary of War, I nominate Col. W. L. Jackson, of Virginia, to be brigadier-general in the Provisional Army of the Confederate States of America.

JEFFERSON DAVIS.

No. 112.] WAR DEPARTMENT, CONFEDERATE STATES OF AMERICA,
Richmond, December 29, 1864.

SIR: I have the honor to recommend the nomination of Col. W. L. Jackson, of Virginia, to be brigadier-general in the Provisional Army of the Confederate States of America, to command a new brigade (raised by himself outside the lines), to rank from December 19, 1864.

I am, sir, respectfully, your obedient servant,

JAMES A. SEDDON,
Secretary of War.

To His Excellency JEFFERSON DAVIS,
President, etc.

14.] EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT, CONFEDERATE STATES OF AMERICA,
Richmond, December 29, 1864.

To the Senate of the Confederate States:

Agreeably to the recommendation of the Secretary of War, I nominate Capt. James L. Corley, of South Carolina, to be major in the Quartermaster-General's Department, Army of the Confederate States of America.

JEFFERSON DAVIS.

No. 113.] WAR DEPARTMENT, CONFEDERATE STATES OF AMERICA,
Richmond, December 29, 1864.

SIR: I have the honor to recommend the nomination of Capt. James L. Corley, of South Carolina, to be major in the Quartermaster-General's Department, Army of the Confederate States of America, vice Major Calhoun, resigned, to rank from December 27, 1864.

I am, sir, respectfully, your obedient servant,

JAMES A. SEDDON,
Secretary of War.

To His Excellency JEFFERSON DAVIS,
President, etc.

15.] EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT, CONFEDERATE STATES OF AMERICA,
Richmond, December 29, 1864.

To the Senate of the Confederate States:

Agreeably to the recommendation of the Secretary of War, I nominate Maj. Smith P. Bankhead, of Tennessee, to be colonel of artillery (under act approved January 22, 1862) in the Provisional Army of the Confederate States of America.

JEFFERSON DAVIS.

No. 115.]

WAR DEPARTMENT, CONFEDERATE STATES OF AMERICA,
Richmond, December 29, 1864.

SIR: I have the honor to recommend the nomination of Maj. Smith P. Bankhead, of Tennessee, to be colonel of artillery (under act approved January 22, 1862) in the Provisional Army of the Confederate States of America, report to Gen. E. K. Smith, commanding Trans-Mississippi Department, for assignment to duty, to date from June 15, 1864.

I am, sir, respectfully, your obedient servant,

JAMES A. SEDDON,
Secretary of War.

To His Excellency JEFFERSON DAVIS,
President, etc.

The messages were read.

Ordered, That they be referred to the Committee on Military Affairs.

On motion by Mr. Walker,

The Senate resolved into open legislative session.

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 4, 1865.

OPEN SESSION.

The Hon. Louis T. Wigfall, from the State of Texas, attended.

A message from the House of Representatives, by Mr. Dalton:

Mr. President: The House of Representatives have passed bills of the following titles; in which they request the concurrence of the Senate:

H. R. 304. An act to increase the efficiency of the cavalry of the Confederate States; and

H. R. 321. An act supplementary to an act entitled "An act to authorize the formation of new commands, to be composed of supernumerary officers who may resign to join such commands, and to limit and restrict the appointment of officers in certain cases," approved June 14, 1864.

The Speaker of the House of Representatives having signed sundry enrolled bills, I am directed to bring them to the Senate for the signature of their President.

The bills (H. R. 304 and H. R. 321) received this day from the House of Representatives for concurrence were severally read the first and second times and referred to the Committee on Military Affairs.

On motion by Mr. Barnwell,

The Senate resolved into secret legislative session.

The doors having been opened,

On motion by Mr. Barnwell,

The Senate adjourned.

SECRET SESSION.

A message from the House of Representatives, by Mr. Dalton:

Mr. President: The Speaker of the House of Representatives having signed an enrolled bill, I am directed to bring it to the Senate for the signature of their President.

Mr. Brown submitted the following resolution; which was considered and agreed to:

Resolved, That the Committee on Military Affairs be instructed to inquire whether it is not expedient to provide by law, and without delay, for taking a census of the farms and plantations in the Confederate States, with a view to ascertain the capacity of each to produce supplies for the Army and Navy, and whether the time has not come when it is incumbent on Congress to require every farmer and planter, under suitable penalties to be provided by law, to employ all his available land, stock, and labor in the production of supplies, and to make a full and fair report of such productions to the Government, to the end that each may be required to yield his fair proportion to the support of the common cause.

Mr. Caperton, from the committee, reported that they had examined and found truly enrolled

A bill (H. R. 284) to issue a further foreign loan.

The President pro tempore having signed the enrolled bill last reported to have been examined, it was delivered to the Secretary of the Senate and by him forthwith presented to the President of the Confederate States for his approval.

On motion by Mr. Barnwell,

The Senate resolved into open legislative session.

THURSDAY, JANUARY 5, 1865.

OPEN SESSION.

Mr. Walker submitted the following resolution; which was considered and agreed to:

Resolved, That the Committee on Military Affairs be instructed to inquire into the expediency of increasing the compensation now allowed to hospital matrons.

Mr. Caperton, from the committee, reported that they had examined and found truly enrolled bills of the following titles:

S. 147. An act to provide for the transfer of certain appropriations;

S. 148. An act in relation to the accounts to be kept at the Treasury of sequestrated estates;

H. R. 261. An act to amend an act of the Provisional Congress entitled "An act relating to the prepayment of postage in certain cases," approved July 29, 1861; and

H. R. 300. An act to provide for the canceling of four per cent bonds and certificates received in payment of taxes and other public dues.

The President having signed the enrolled bills last reported to have been examined, they were delivered to the Secretary of the Senate and by him forthwith presented to the President of the Confederate States for his approval.

Mr. Semmes, from the Committee on the Judiciary, to whom were referred the following bills:

H. R. 191. Bill to facilitate the settlement of claims of deceased officers and soldiers; and

H. R. 242. Bill to provide for sequestrating the property of persons liable to military service who have departed, or shall depart, from the Confederate States without permission;

reported them severally, with the recommendation that they ought not to pass.

Ordered, That they be printed.

Mr. Simms, from the select committee appointed to inquire into the adequacy of the compensation allowed to persons employed in making clothing for the Army, and to females in the Ordnance Department, reported

A bill (S. 155) to regulate the pay and allowances of certain female employees of the Government;

which was read the first and second times and ordered to be placed upon the Calendar and printed.

On motion by Mr. Caperton,

The Senate resolved into secret legislative session.
The doors having been opened,
On motion by Mr. Maxwell,
The Senate adjourned.

SECRET SESSION.

On motion by Mr. Caperton,

Ordered, That the injunction of secrecy be removed from the proceedings of the Senate on the bill (S. 112) to facilitate transportation for the Government, passed at the second session of the First Congress.

On motion by Mr. Sparrow,
The Senate resolved into executive session.

EXECUTIVE SESSION.

Mr. Sparrow, from the Committee on Military Affairs, to whom was referred (on the 1st ultimo) the nomination of C. B. Denson, to be second lieutenant, Engineer Troops, reported, with the recommendation that said nomination be confirmed.

The Senate proceeded to consider said report; and in concurrence therewith, it was

Resolved, That the Senate advise and consent to his appointment, agreeably to the nomination of the President.

Mr. Sparrow, from the Committee on Military Affairs, to whom were referred (on the 14th ultimo) the nominations of James B. Perkins and C. R. Boyd, to be first lieutenants, Engineer Troops; M. J. Bulger, F. W. McMaster, G. W. Clayton, J. T. Jordan, W. D. Rutherford, E. C. Councill, R. W. Phipps, S. M. Boykin, John Ashford, C. E. Broyles, T. M. Logan, J. H. Nethercutt, L. Von Zinken, J. L. Drake, R. B. Boston, J. M. Steedman, R. E. Bowen, H. C. Kellogg, R. E. Burke, W. C. Holt, H. A. Carrington, J. P. Bane, F. A. Ashford, Arthur Herbert, Thomas Smith, W. H. A. Speer, G. H. Carnical, Isaac F. Hunt, G. K. Griggs, James D. Tillman, R. N. Payne, R. W. Turner, Harry T. Toulmin, D. L. Kenan, G. W. Gordon, William Grace, R. L. T. Beale, P. D. Bowles, W. F. Perry, W. H. Willis, C. W. Heiskell, Hugh A. Garland, L. T. Woodruff, W. E. Green, James G. Rose, John O'Neill, John P. McGuire, E. F. Bookter, R. P. Lester, M. R. Ballenger, F. C. Zacharie, C. J. Clack, Horace Ready, W. J. Crawley, James S. Boynton, F. S. Bass, G. E. Tayloe, R. F. Crittenden, Lewis Ball, and G. A. C. Holt, to be colonels; W. L. Lyles, B. G. McDowell, G. W. McIver, W. Wallace, E. F. Moseley, J. A. Blair, G. W. Huguley, B. B. Kirkland, S. McN. Bain, G. W. Flowers, W. B. Wooldridge, J. H. Duncan, Robert De Treville, Clem. G. Wright, S. B. Thomas, G. A. Lester, James H. Allen, J. M. White, D. L. Donald, T. H. Shackelford, John W. Davis, W. J. Williams, W. H. Stewart, R. B. Arnold, E. R. Smith, G. C. Cabell, C. M. Winkler, J. J. May, R. C. Maffett, R. H. Lindsay, P. A. McMichael, G. Tyler, W. E. Fife, M. T. Almon, William Lester, W. H. Pryor, A. P. Butler, H. A. Kennedy, Thomas G. Miller, E. S. Gulley, S. S. Batchelor, R. H. M. Davidson, Thomas G. Berry, D. T. Richards, James A. Long, Thomas Waller, L. H. Scruggs, John A. Jones, E. A. Nash, Roger Moore, Thomas E. Screven, James G. Deaderick, Martin Burke, T. M. Atkins, J. R. Culp, T. F. Clyburn, W. M. Hardwick,

J. T. Robertson, W. L. Goldsmith, H. Bussey, C. H. Moore, Eric Erson, J. K. Elliott, J. C. Carter, S. M. Dyer, T. J. Borden, Samuel M. Silver, W. S. Shepherd, Charles J. Bell, and J. H. Dunklin, to be lieutenant-colonels; J. T. Woodhouse, W. L. A. Ellis, George Downs, F. S. Lewie, Warren Adams, J. T. Wilson, Thomas E. Winn, J. H. Buchanan, John B. Rogers, John Loudermilk, J. R. Bell, S. H. Terral, J. L. Coker, S. P. Dendy, John G. Harris, C. A. Conn, W. E. Simmons, J. D. Frederick, C. R. McAlpine, J. T. McElvany, Robert A. Dean, B. R. Clyburn, R. P. Todd, J. P. Crawford, J. T. Hester, F. M. Raxdale, J. M. Partlow, W. J. Williams, E. H. Hampton, E. Bruster, L. Purdy, James B. Duggan, John F. Kiser, E. D. Brailsford, E. D. Willett, J. C. Bates, D. A. Grimsley, J. E. Binns, Samuel A. Swann, J. M. Wiggonton, W. H. Martin, W. M. Robbins, G. W. Cary, J. H. McReynolds, Bradford Keith, James B. Dickey, D. R. Duncan, J. W. Avery, T. M. Barbour, M. Cullen, J. J. A. Sharp, W. H. Rentfro, C. C. Kelley, W. B. Hundley, D. S. Davis, W. T. Hendon, Camp Flournoy, A. E. Moody, William D. Shelton, R. B. Fauntleroy, A. Picolet, and George W. Jones, to be majors; M. King, J. M. Rhett, and C. Inglesby, to be captains; E. M. Whaley, J. L. Wardlaw, T. A. Middleton, E. B. Middleton, W. F. Colcock, H. P. Clark, and B. H. Hudson, to be first lieutenants, reported, with the recommendation that all of said nominations be confirmed.

The Senate proceeded to consider said report; and in concurrence therewith, it was

Resolved, That the Senate do advise and consent to their appointment, agreeably to the nomination of the President.

Mr. Sparrow, from the Committee on Military Affairs, to whom were referred (on the 16th ultimo) the nominations of Carlos Tracy, James E. Bailey, Edward Cantwell, and A. R. Boteler, to be members of military court, and T. S. Taliaferro, to be judge-advocate; James E. Cuthbert, to be aid-de-camp, with rank of major of cavalry, reported, with the recommendation that all of said nominations be confirmed.

The Senate proceeded to consider said report; and in concurrence therewith, it was

Resolved, That the Senate do advise and consent to their appointment, agreeably to the nomination of the President.

Mr. Sparrow, from the Committee on Military Affairs, to whom were referred (on the 21st ultimo) the nominations of W. A. Taylor, F. L. Campbell, and James H. McNeill, to be colonels; C. Breckinridge, John D. Taylor, John M. Kinloch, and E. M. Dubroca, to be lieutenant-colonels; R. H. McClelland, L. H. Crumpler, William F. Graves, J. M. Stevenson, M. O. Tracy, and H. H. Lesesne, to be majors, reported, with the recommendation that all of said nominations be confirmed.

The Senate proceeded to consider said report; and in concurrence therewith, it was

Resolved, That the Senate do advise and consent to their appointment, agreeably to the nomination of the President.

On motion by Mr. Sparrow,

The Senate resolved into open legislative session.

FRIDAY, JANUARY 6, 1865.

OPEN SESSION.

Mr. Hill presented the memorial of L. Bryan and others, of the State of Georgia, praying to be released from the fulfillment of certain contracts for furnishing supplies of beef and bacon to the Government; which was referred to the Committee on Finance.

Mr. Caperton (by leave) introduced

A joint resolution (S. 21) of thanks to Brig. Gen. Stand Watie, Colonel Gano, and the officers and men under their command; which was read the first and second times and referred to the Committee on Military Affairs.

On motion by Mr. Sparrow,

The Senate resolved into executive session.

The doors having been opened,

On motion by Mr. Semmes,

Ordered, That when the Senate adjourn it be to Monday next.

On motion by Mr. Semmes,

Ordered, That the Committee on the Judiciary be discharged from the further consideration of a resolution submitted by Mr. Sparrow on the 15th of November, inquiring into the necessity of providing for the sequestration of the property of all persons who, being liable to military duty, have left, or may hereafter leave, the Confederacy without the sanction of the Confederate authorities.

On motion by Mr. Semmes,

The Senate adjourned.

EXECUTIVE SESSION.

Mr. Sparrow, from the Committee on Military Affairs, to whom were referred (on the 21st ultimo) the nominations of Claiborne Snead, to be lieutenant-colonel; B. E. Nicholson, to be major; Charles F. Force, George F. Cherry, A. J. Brown, E. M. Ware, G. E. Plaster, J. C. Barton, and W. G. Terrell, to be captains; William F. Ford, E. S. Wooldridge, and A. P. Irby, to be second lieutenants, for distinguished valor and skill; M. M. Marshall, Aug. Angerer, W. A. Hall, Jarvis Buxton, T. W. Scott, J. O. A. Cook, Elisha Hedden, J. C. Sturgeon, T. C. C. Drewry, N. G. Robinson, J. K. Harris, and L. W. Haslup, to be chaplains, reported, with the recommendation that all of said nominations be confirmed.

The Senate proceeded to consider said report; and in concurrence therewith, it was

Resolved, That the Senate do advise and consent to their appointment, agreeably to the nomination of the President.

Mr. Sparrow, from the Committee on Military Affairs, to whom was referred (on the 22d ultimo) the nomination of Allen T. Bowie, to be captain Adjutant-General's Department, reported, with the recommendation that said nomination be confirmed.

The Senate proceeded to consider said report; and in concurrence therewith, it was

Resolved, That the Senate do advise and consent to his appointment, agreeably to the nomination of the President.

Mr. Sparrow, from the Committee on Military Affairs, to whom was referred (on the 29th ultimo) the nomination of J. E. Harrison, to be brigadier-general, reported, with the recommendation that said nomination be confirmed.

The Senate proceeded to consider said report; and in concurrence therewith, it was

Resolved, That the Senate do advise and consent to his appointment, agreeably to the nomination of the President.

Mr. Sparrow, from the Committee on Military Affairs, to whom were referred (on the 3d instant) the nominations of T. G. Barham, to be lieutenant-colonel of cavalry; Walter S. Allen and John F. Lovin, to be second lieutenants, for distinguished valor and skill, reported, with the recommendation that all of said nominations be confirmed.

The Senate proceeded to consider said report; and in concurrence therewith, it was

Resolved, That the Senate do advise and consent to their appointment, agreeably to the nomination of the President.

On motion by Mr. Hunter,

The Senate resolved into open legislative session.

MONDAY, JANUARY 9, 1865.

OPEN SESSION.

A message from the House of Representatives, by Mr. Dalton:

Mr. President: The President of the Confederate States has notified the House of Representatives that on the 5th instant he approved and signed an act (H. R. 300) to provide for the canceling of four per cent bonds and certificates received in payment of taxes and other public dues.

Mr. Watson submitted the following resolution for consideration:

Resolved (the House of Representatives concurring), That a committee of three on the part of the Senate and on the part of the House of Representatives, be appointed to investigate and report upon the condition and treatment of the prisoners of war respectively held by the Confederate and United States Governments, and also upon the causes of their detention and refusal to exchange; which said committee shall have authority to take testimony and send for persons and papers.

Ordered, That the resolution be printed.

Mr. Sparrow, from the Committee on Military Affairs, reported

A bill (S. 156) to provide for the reorganization of companies, battalions, and regiments in certain cases; which was read the first and second times and ordered to be placed upon the Calendar and printed.

Mr. Sparrow, from the Committee on Military Affairs, to whom was referred the bill (H. R. 301) to increase the pay of matrons of hospitals, reported it without amendment.

Ordered, That it lie upon the table.

On motion by Mr. Sparrow,

Ordered, That the Committee on Military Affairs be discharged from the further consideration of a resolution inquiring into the sufficiency of the daily ration issued to the men of the Army, and a resolution inquiring into the expediency of increasing the compensation now allowed to hospital matrons.

Mr. Sparrow, from the Committee on Military Affairs, to whom were referred the following bills:

H. R. 305. An act to grant free transportation to officers, noncommissioned officers, and privates of the Army traveling on leave of indulgence; and

H. R. 321. An act supplementary to an act entitled "An act to authorize the formation of new commands, to be composed of super-

numery officers who may resign to join such commands, and to limit and restrict the appointment of officers in certain cases," approved June 14, 1864;

reported them severally, with the recommendation that they ought not to pass.

Mr. Sparrow, from the Committee on Military Affairs, presented a letter from Lieut. Gen. J. A. Early, asking further inquiry into the causes of the recent reverses in the Valley of Virginia.

Ordered, That it lie upon the table and be printed.

A message from the President of the Confederate States, by Mr. B. N. Harrison, his Secretary:

Mr. President: The President of the Confederate States, on the 5th instant, approved and signed the following acts:

S. 147. An act to provide for the transfer of certain appropriations; and

S. 148. An act in relation to the accounts to be kept at the Treasury of sequestered estates.

Ordered, That the Secretary inform the House of Representatives thereof.

On motion by Mr. Wigfall.

The Senate resolved into secret legislative session.

The doors having been opened.

The following messages were received from the President of the Confederate States, by Mr. B. N. Harrison, his Secretary:

RICHMOND, VA., *January 4, 1865.*

To the Senate and House of Representatives:

I herewith transmit for your consideration a communication from the Secretary of War, covering an estimate for an additional appropriation required by the Engineer Bureau.

JEFFERSON DAVIS.

RICHMOND, VA., *January 5, 1865.*

To the Senate and House of Representatives:

I herewith transmit for your consideration a communication from the Secretary of the Treasury, covering estimates of additional appropriations required for the service of the Agency of the Department West of the Mississippi River.

JEFFERSON DAVIS.

RICHMOND, VA., *January 6, 1865.*

To the Senate and House of Representatives:

I herewith transmit for your consideration a communication from the Secretary of War, covering an estimate for an additional appropriation required by the Bureau of Engineers.

JEFFERSON DAVIS.

The messages were severally read.

Ordered, That they be referred to the Committee on Finance.

The President laid before the Senate a resolution of the general assembly of the State of Florida, of confidence, in thanks to President Jefferson Davis; which was read.

Ordered, That it lie upon the table and be printed.

Mr. Oldham (by leave) introduced

A bill (S. 158) to provide for the settlement of certain matters of account growing out of purchases of property, as alleged by the purchasers, for the use of the Government, by Payne & Co., in the State of Texas;

which was read the first and second times and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

On motion by Mr. Henry,

The Senate adjourned.

SECRET SESSION.

A message from the House of Representatives, by Mr. Dalton:

Mr. President: The President of the Confederate States has notified the House of Representatives that on the 4th instant he approved and signed an act (H. R. 284) to issue a further foreign loan.

Mr. Sparrow, from the Committee on Military Affairs, reported

A bill (S. 157) to provide for the appointment of a directing general of the armies of the Confederate States;

which was read the first and second times and considered as in Committee of the Whole; and

After debate,

On motion by Mr. Barnwell,

Ordered, That the further consideration of the bill be postponed until to-morrow, and that it be printed.

The following message was received from the President of the Confederate States, by Mr. B. N. Harrison, his Secretary:

RICHMOND, VA., *January 4, 1865.*

To the Senate of the Confederate States:

In response to your resolution of November 14, 1864, I herewith transmit for your information a communication from the Secretary of War, covering a copy of the official report of Gen. J. E. Johnston, relative to operations of the Army of Tennessee.

I invite your attention to the Secretary's remarks in reference to the delay which has occurred in responding to your resolution, and concur with him in suggesting that it is not advisable to publish this communication at present, or at a future time without the correspondence which was contemporaneous and which explains the events.

JEFFERSON DAVIS.

The message was read.

Ordered, That it be referred to the Committee on Military Affairs.

On motion by Mr. Walker,

The Senate resolved into executive session.

EXECUTIVE SESSION.

The following messages were received from the President of the Confederate States, by Mr. B. N. Harrison, his Secretary:

1.] EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT, CONFEDERATE STATES OF AMERICA,
Richmond, January 7, 1865.

To the Senate of the Confederate States:

Agreeably to the recommendation of the Secretary of War, I nominate Maj. Warren M. Hopkins, of Virginia, to be colonel of the Twenty-fifth Virginia Cavalry Regiment (regiment formed by consolidating an unattached company with the Twenty-seventh Virginia Battalion), in the Provisional Army of the Confederate States of America.

JEFFERSON DAVIS.

No. 139.] WAR DEPARTMENT, CONFEDERATE STATES OF AMERICA,
Richmond, January 6, 1865.

SIR: I have the honor to recommend the nomination of Maj. Warren M. Hopkins, of Virginia, to be colonel Twenty-fifth Virginia Cavalry Regiment, in the Provisional Army of the Confederate States of America (the regiment formed by consolidating an unattached company with the Twenty-seventh Virginia Cavalry Battalion), to rank from December 31, 1864.

I am, sir, respectfully, your obedient servant,

JAMES A. SEDDON,
Secretary of War.

To His Excellency JEFFERSON DAVIS,
President, etc.

2.]

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT, CONFEDERATE STATES OF AMERICA,

*Richmond, January 7, 1865.**To the Senate of the Confederate States:*

Agreeably to the recommendation of the Secretary of War, I nominate H. J. Leovy, of Louisiana, to be member of military court, with rank of colonel of cavalry in the Provisional Army of the Confederate States of America.

JEFFERSON DAVIS.

No. 138.]

WAR DEPARTMENT, CONFEDERATE STATES OF AMERICA,

Richmond, January 6, 1865.

SIR: I have the honor to recommend the nomination of H. J. Leovy, of Louisiana, to be member of military court, with rank of colonel of cavalry in the Provisional Army of the Confederate States of America, for duty in Department of Southwestern Virginia, vice Col. P. T. Moore, appointed brigadier-general, to rank from December 26, 1864.

I am, sir, respectfully, your obedient servant,

JAMES A. SEDDON,
Secretary of War.

To His Excellency JEFFERSON DAVIS,
President, &c.

3.]

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT, CONFEDERATE STATES OF AMERICA,

*Richmond, January 7, 1865.**To the Senate of the Confederate States:*

Agreeably to the recommendation of the Secretary of War, I nominate Col. R. L. T. Beale, of Virginia, to be brigadier-general in the Provisional Army of the Confederate States of America.

JEFFERSON DAVIS.

No. 140.]

WAR DEPARTMENT, CONFEDERATE STATES OF AMERICA,

Richmond, January 6, 1865.

SIR: I have the honor to recommend the nomination of Col. R. L. T. Beale, of Virginia, to be brigadier-general in the Provisional Army of the Confederate States of America, to command brigade, Army of Northern Virginia, vice General Chambliss, killed, to rank from January 6, 1865.

I am, sir, respectfully, your obedient servant,

JAMES A. SEDDON,
Secretary of War.

To His Excellency JEFFERSON DAVIS,
President, &c.

4.]

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT, CONFEDERATE STATES OF AMERICA,

*Richmond, January 7, 1865.**To the Senate of the Confederate States:*

Agreeably to the recommendation of the Secretary of War, I nominate Col. John D. Kennedy, of South Carolina, to be brigadier-general, with temporary rank (under act approved May 31, 1864), in the Provisional Army of the Confederate States of America.

JEFFERSON DAVIS.

No. 111.]

WAR DEPARTMENT, CONFEDERATE STATES OF AMERICA,

Richmond, December 29, 1864.

SIR: I have to honor to recommend the nomination of Col. John D. Kennedy, of South Carolina, to be brigadier-general, with temporary rank (under act approved May 31, 1864), in the Provisional Army of the Confederate States of America, to command brigade, Army of Northern Virginia, vice Brigadier-General Conner, disabled, to rank from December 22, 1864.

I am, sir, respectfully, your obedient servant,

JAMES A. SEDDON,
Secretary of War.

To His Excellency JEFFERSON DAVIS,
President, &c.

5.]

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT, CONFEDERATE STATES OF AMERICA,

*Richmond, January 7, 1865.**To the Senate of the Confederate States:*

Agreeably to the recommendation of the Secretary of War, I nominate James A. Stansbury, of Tennessee, to be assistant commissary, with rank of captain in the Provisional Army of the Confederate States of America.

JEFFERSON DAVIS.

No. 114.]

WAR DEPARTMENT, CONFEDERATE STATES OF AMERICA,
Richmond, December 29, 1864.

SIR: I have the honor to recommend the nomination of James A. Stansbury, of Tennessee, to be assistant commissary, with the rank of captain in the Provisional Army of the Confederate States of America, for duty with First Tennessee Cavalry Regiment, to date from December 18, 1864.

I am, sir, respectfully, your obedient servant,

JAMES A. SEDDON,
Secretary of War.

To His Excellency JEFFERSON DAVIS,
President, etc.

6.]

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT, CONFEDERATE STATES OF AMERICA,
Richmond, January 7, 1865.

To the Senate of the Confederate States:

Agreeably to the recommendation of the Secretary of War, I nominate the officers on the accompanying list to the grades affixed to their names, respectively.

JEFFERSON DAVIS.

No. 136.]

WAR DEPARTMENT, CONFEDERATE STATES OF AMERICA,
Richmond, January 6, 1865.

SIR: I have the honor to recommend the following nominations for appointment in the Provisional Army of the Confederate States of America:

Assistant commissaries—captains.

John L. McKinney, of Tennessee, to rank from December 31, 1864.

James Hancock, of Alabama, to rank from December 26, 1864.

L. Doizé, of North Carolina, to rank from December 26, 1864.

I am, sir, respectfully, your obedient servant,

JAMES A. SEDDON,
Secretary of War.

To His Excellency JEFFERSON DAVIS,
President, etc.

7.]

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT, CONFEDERATE STATES OF AMERICA,
Richmond, January 7, 1865.

To the Senate of the Confederate States:

Agreeably to the recommendation of the Secretary of War, I nominate Louis Colomb, of Louisiana, to be second lieutenant, First Louisiana Regiment Artillery, in the Provisional Army of the Confederate States of America.

JEFFERSON DAVIS.

No. 135.]

WAR DEPARTMENT, CONFEDERATE STATES OF AMERICA,
Richmond, January 5, 1865.

SIR: I have the honor to recommend the nomination of Louis Colomb, of Louisiana, to be second lieutenant, First Louisiana Regiment Artillery, in the Provisional Army of the Confederate States of America, vice Lieutenant Strawbridge, promoted, to rank from December 24, 1864.

I am, sir, respectfully, your obedient servant,

JAMES A. SEDDON,
Secretary of War.

To His Excellency JEFFERSON DAVIS,
President, etc.

8.]

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT, CONFEDERATE STATES OF AMERICA,
Richmond, January 7, 1865.

To the Senate of the Confederate States:

Agreeably to the recommendation of the Secretary of War, I nominate the officers on the accompanying list to the grades affixed to their names, respectively.

JEFFERSON DAVIS.

No. 116.]

WAR DEPARTMENT, CONFEDERATE STATES OF AMERICA,
Richmond, December 29, 1864.

SIR: I have the honor to recommend the following nominations for appointment in the Provisional Army of the Confederate States of America:

Adjutants—first lieutenants.

James B. Owens, of South Carolina, to be adjutant Twenty-second South Carolina Regiment, vice Adjutant McPhersonwright, promoted, to rank from November 22, 1864.

A. C. Stallworth, of South Carolina, to be adjutant Seventh South Carolina Regiment, vice Adjutant Carwile, appointed captain, assistant adjutant-general, to rank from October 17, 1864.

W. F. Nelson, of North Carolina, to be adjutant Twenty-first North Carolina Regiment (vice an original vacancy), to rank from November 21, 1864.

W. P. McLean, of Texas, to be adjutant Nineteenth Texas Regiment, vice Adjutant Jones, resigned, to rank from June 15, 1864.

John R. Moore, of North Carolina, to be adjutant Sixteenth North Carolina Battalion Cavalry (vice an original vacancy), to rank from November 1, 1864.

T. H. B. Maddox, of Virginia, to be adjutant Seventeenth Virginia Cavalry Regiment, vice Adjutant Barbor, retired, to rank from November 22, 1864.

L. W. Grant, of Alabama, to be adjutant Tenth Alabama Regiment, vice Adjutant Brown, killed, to rank from November 16, 1864.

W. McR. Jordan, of Florida, to be adjutant Fifteenth Confederate Cavalry Regiment (vice an original vacancy), to rank from June 15, 1864.

I am, sir, respectfully, your obedient servant,

JAMES A. SEDDON,
Secretary of War.

To His Excellency JEFFERSON DAVIS,
President, &c.

9.]

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT, CONFEDERATE STATES OF AMERICA,
Richmond, Va., January 5, 1865.

To the Senate of the Confederate States:

Agreeably to the recommendation of the Secretary of War, I nominate J. L. Robertson, of South Carolina, to be second lieutenant, First South Carolina Regiment Artillery, in the Provisional Army of the Confederate States of America.

JEFFERSON DAVIS.

No. 132.]

WAR DEPARTMENT, CONFEDERATE STATES OF AMERICA,
Richmond, January 4, 1865.

SIR: I have the honor to recommend the nomination of J. L. Robertson, of South Carolina, to be second lieutenant, First South Carolina Regiment Artillery, in the Provisional Army of the Confederate States of America, vice Lieutenant De Saussure, promoted, to rank from November 5, 1864.

I am, sir, respectfully, your obedient servant,

JAMES A. SEDDON,
Secretary of War.

To His Excellency JEFFERSON DAVIS,
President, &c.

10.]

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT, CONFEDERATE STATES OF AMERICA,
Richmond, January 5, 1865.

To the Senate of the Confederate States:

Agreeably to the recommendation of the Secretary of War, I nominate the officers on the accompanying list to the grades affixed to their names, respectively.

JEFFERSON DAVIS.

No. 97.]

WAR DEPARTMENT, CONFEDERATE STATES OF AMERICA,
Richmond, December 19, 1864.

SIR: I have the honor to recommend the following nominations for promotion in the Provisional Army of the Confederate States of America:

QUARTERMASTER'S DEPARTMENT.

Majors.

Capt. W. H. Mauldin, of South Carolina, to be major, for duty with Gary's brigade, Army of Northern Virginia (an original vacancy), to rank from July 19, 1864.

Capt. J. S. Bransford, of Tennessee, to be major in charge of transportation, Army of Tennessee, to rank from June 15, 1864.

Capt. S. M. H. Byrd, of Georgia, to be major, for duty with Wofford's brigade, Army of Northern Virginia, vice Major Parrott, resigned, to rank from June 15, 1864.

Capt. C. B. Gwathmey, of Virginia, to be major, for duty with Rosser's old brigade, Army of Northern Virginia (an original vacancy), to rank from June 15, 1864.

Capt. F. P. Turner, of South Carolina, to be major, for duty with artillery, Second Corps, Army of Northern Virginia (an original vacancy), to rank from June 15, 1864.

Capt. J. B. Hill, of Virginia, to be major, for duty with Evans' brigade, Army of Northern Virginia, vice Major Bryan, dropped, to rank from June 15, 1864.

Capt. H. T. Massingale, of Tennessee, to be major, for duty as post quartermaster, to rank from June 15, 1864.

Capt. Richard Orme, of Georgia, to be major, for duty with Simms' brigade, Army of Northern Virginia (an original vacancy), to rank from June 15, 1864.

Capt. Y. S. Patton, of Tennessee, to be major, for duty as chief quartermaster Hardee's old corps, Army of Tennessee (an original vacancy), to rank from June 15, 1864.

Capt. E. H. Janney, of Virginia, to be major, for duty as assistant to chief quartermaster, Army of Northern Virginia (an original vacancy), to rank from June 15, 1864.

Capt. F. Ducayet, of Louisiana, to be major, for duty as an inspector of field transportation, to rank from June 15, 1864.

Capt. J. G. Blount, of North Carolina, to be major, for duty with Brigadier-General Hébert's command, Department of Cape Fear (an original vacancy), to rank from June 15, 1864.

Capt. Benjamin E. Crane, of Georgia, to be major, for duty with brigade of Georgia Reserves, formerly commanded by Brig. Gen. H. R. Jackson (an original vacancy), to rank from June 15, 1864.

Capt. Hermann Hirsch, of Georgia, to be major, for duty as post quartermaster at Savannah, Ga., to rank from June 15, 1864.

Capt. S. M. Finger, of North Carolina, to be major, for duty in collecting "tax in kind," vice Major McRae, resigned, to rank from August 20, 1864.

Capt. J. B. Moore, of Virginia, to be major, for duty in collecting and distributing forage to Army of Tennessee, to rank from August 30, 1864.

Capt. W. C. Scott, of Virginia, to be major, for duty with artillery, Third Corps, Army of Northern Virginia (an original vacancy), to rank from November 4, 1864.

I am, sir, respectfully, your obedient servant,

JAMES A. SEDDON,
Secretary of War.

To His Excellency JEFFERSON DAVIS,
President, &c.

11.] EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT, CONFEDERATE STATES OF AMERICA,
Richmond, January 5, 1865.

To the Senate of the Confederate States:

Agreeably to the recommendation of the Secretary of War, I nominate the officers (appointed under act No. 121, approved February 17, 1864) on the accompanying list to the grades affixed to their names, respectively.

JEFFERSON DAVIS.

No. 71.] WAR DEPARTMENT, CONFEDERATE STATES OF AMERICA,
Richmond, December 12, 1864.

SIR: I have the honor to recommend the following nominations for appointment (under act No. 121, approved February 17, 1864) in the Provisional Army of the Confederate States of America:

Captains.

J. C. S. Blackburn, to rank from July 21, 1864.

H. H. Johnston, to rank from July 21, 1864.

First lieutenant.

Bennett H. Young, of ———, to rank from June 16, 1864.

I am, sir, respectfully, your obedient servant,

JAMES A. SEDDON,
Secretary of War.

To His Excellency JEFFERSON DAVIS,
President, &c.

12.] EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT, CONFEDERATE STATES OF AMERICA,
Richmond, January 4, 1865.
To the Senate of the Confederate States:

Agreeably to the recommendation of the Secretary of War, I nominate Capt. R. J. Nugent, of Louisiana, to be promoted to major in the Quartermaster's Department, Provisional Army of the Confederate States of America.

JEFFERSON DAVIS.

No. 133.] WAR DEPARTMENT, CONFEDERATE STATES OF AMERICA,
Richmond, January 4, 1865.

SIR: I have the honor to recommend the nomination of Capt. R. J. Nugent, of Louisiana, to be promoted to major in the Quartermaster's Department, for duty with Polignac's division, Trans-Mississippi Department (an original vacancy), to rank from December 26, 1864.

I am, sir, respectfully, your obedient servant,

JAMES A. SEDDON,
Secretary of War.

To His Excellency JEFFERSON DAVIS,
President, etc.

13.] EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT, CONFEDERATE STATES OF AMERICA,
Richmond, January 5, 1865.

To the Senate of the Confederate States:

Agreeably to the recommendation of the Secretary of War, I nominate the officers on the accompanying list to the grades affixed to their names, respectively.

JEFFERSON DAVIS.

No. 131.] WAR DEPARTMENT, CONFEDERATE STATES OF AMERICA,
Richmond, January 5, 1865.

SIR: I have the honor to recommend the following nominations for appointment in the Provisional Army of the Confederate States of America:

Adjutants—first lieutenants.

James H. Taylor, of North Carolina, to be adjutant Fifty-first North Carolina Regiment, vice Lieutenant Latta, resigned, to rank from September 21, 1864.

R. L. Bassham, of Tennessee, to be adjutant Thirty-second Tennessee Regiment, vice Lieutenant Irvin, killed, to rank from December 27, 1864.

I am, sir, respectfully, your obedient servant,

JAMES A. SEDDON,
Secretary of War.

To His Excellency JEFFERSON DAVIS,
President, etc.

14.] EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT, CONFEDERATE STATES OF AMERICA,
Richmond, January 5, 1865.

To the Senate of the Confederate States:

Agreeably to the recommendation of the Secretary of War, I nominate the officers on the accompanying list to the grades affixed to their names, respectively.

JEFFERSON DAVIS.

No. 130.] WAR DEPARTMENT, CONFEDERATE STATES OF AMERICA,
Richmond, January 4, 1865.

SIR: I have the honor to recommend the following nominations for promotion in the Provisional Army of the Confederate States of America:

Colonels.

Lieut. Col. E. L. Hobson, of Alabama, to be colonel Fifth Alabama Regiment, vice Colonel Hall, retired, to rank from November 29, 1864.

Lieut. Col. W. H. Clark, of Mississippi, to be colonel Forty-sixth Mississippi Regiment, vice Colonel Sears, appointed brigadier-general, to rank from March 1, 1864.

Lieut. Col. W. L. Doss, of Mississippi, to be colonel Fourteenth Mississippi Regiment, vice Colonel Abert, resigned, to rank from March 16, 1864.

Lieut. Col. James Dickey, of Georgia, to be colonel Fifty-first Georgia Regiment, vice Colonel Ball, deceased, to rank from November 12, 1864.

Lieutenant-colonels.

Maj. G. W. Hammond, of North Carolina, to be lieutenant-colonel Fifteenth North Carolina Regiment, vice Lieutenant-Colonel Yarborough, promoted, to rank from November 4, 1864.

Maj. K. Otey, of Virginia, to be lieutenant-colonel Eleventh Virginia Regiment, vice Lieutenant-Colonel Langhorne, promoted, to rank from September 24, 1863.

Maj. B. Taylor, of Virginia, to be lieutenant-colonel Nineteenth Virginia Regiment, vice Lieutenant-Colonel Peyton, retired, to rank from October 24, 1864.

Maj. R. J. Lawrence, of Mississippi, to be lieutenant-colonel Fourteenth Mississippi Regiment, vice Lieutenant-Colonel Doss, promoted, to rank from March 16, 1864.

Maj. C. A. Conn, of Georgia, to be lieutenant-colonel Forty-fifth Georgia Regiment, vice Lieutenant-Colonel Wallace, retired, to rank from December 2, 1864.

Maj. John B. Lady, of Virginia, to be lieutenant-colonel Twenty-fifth [Twentieth?] Virginia Cavalry Regiment, vice Lieutenant-Colonel Evans, resigned, to rank from November 22, 1864.

Capt. A. Savage, of Virginia, to be lieutenant-colonel Thirteenth Virginia Cavalry Regiment, vice Lieutenant-Colonel Upshaw and Major Winfield, resigned, to rank from November 22, 1864.

Maj. E. J. Goggans, of South Carolina, to be lieutenant-colonel Seventh South Carolina Regiment, vice Lieutenant-Colonel Bland, killed, to rank from September 20, 1863.

Maj. James T. Adams, of North Carolina, to be lieutenant-colonel Twenty-sixth North Carolina Regiment, vice Lieutenant-Colonel Jones, killed, to rank from May 6, 1864.

Maj. J. P. Crawford, of Georgia, to be lieutenant-colonel Fifty-first Georgia Regiment, vice Lieutenant-Colonel Dickey, promoted, to rank from November 12, 1864.

Majors.

Capt. C. G. Tucker, of Tennessee, to be major Thirty-second Tennessee Regiment, vice Major McGuire, promoted, to rank from August 7, 1864.

Capt. J. R. Hunter, of Virginia, to be major Eleventh Virginia Regiment, vice Major Otey, promoted, to rank from September 24, 1863.

Capt. Waller M. Boyd, of Virginia, to be major Nineteenth Virginia Regiment, vice Major Taylor, promoted, to rank from October 24, 1864.

Capt. R. G. Prewitt, of Mississippi, to be major Fifteenth Mississippi Regiment, vice Major Terry, resigned, to rank from August 20, 1864.

Capt. A. W. Gibson, of Georgia, to be major Forty-fifth Georgia Regiment, vice Major Conn, promoted, to rank from December 2, 1864.

Capt. J. M. Jeffries, of Alabama, to be major Forty-first Alabama Regiment, vice Major Hudgings, deceased, to rank from November 17, 1864.

Captains.

First Lieut. J. R. Pringle, of South Carolina, to be captain, First South Carolina Regiment Artillery, vice Captain Peronneau, retired, to rank from November 5, 1864.

First Lieut. A. N. Ogden, of Louisiana, to be captain, First Louisiana Regiment Artillery, vice Captain Rawle, dropped, to rank from November 10, 1862.

First Lieut. W. C. Ellis, of Louisiana, to be captain, First Louisiana Regiment Artillery, vice Captain Squires, deceased, to rank from October 4, 1863.

First lieutenants.

Second Lieut. H. W. De Saussure, of South Carolina, to be first lieutenant, First South Carolina Regiment Artillery, vice Lieutenant Pringle, promoted, to rank from November 5, 1864.

Second Lieut. J. D. Scott, of Louisiana, to be first lieutenant, First Louisiana Regiment Artillery, vice Lieutenant Fowler, promoted, to rank from July 21, 1863.

Second Lieut. F. M. Williams, of Louisiana, to be first lieutenant, First Louisiana Regiment Artillery, vice Lieutenant Ellis, promoted, to rank from October 4, 1863.

Second Lieut. J. B. Humphreys, of Louisiana, to be first lieutenant, First Louisiana Regiment Artillery, vice Lieutenant Palfrey, appointed captain, assistant adjutant-general, to rank from February 19, 1864.

Second Lieut. J. B. Cleveland, of Louisiana, to be first lieutenant, First Louisiana Regiment Artillery, vice Lieutenant Butler, appointed adjutant, to rank from February 19, 1864.

Second Lieut. C. L. C. Dupuy, of Louisiana, to be first lieutenant, First Louisiana Regiment Artillery, vice Lieutenant Harrod, promoted, to rank from October 18, 1864.

Second Lieut. G. E. Strawbridge, of Louisiana, to be first lieutenant, First Louisiana Regiment Artillery, vice Lieutenant Agar, promoted, to rank from November 7, 1864.

I am, sir, respectfully, your obedient servant,

JAMES A. SEDDON,
Secretary of War.

To His Excellency JEFFERSON DAVIS,
President, etc.

15.] EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT, CONFEDERATE STATES OF AMERICA,
Richmond, January 7, 1865.

To the Senate of the Confederate States:

Agreeably to the recommendation of the Secretary of War, I nominate Lieut. H. H. Flint, of Georgia, to be captain Company C, Seventh Confederate Cavalry Regiment, in the Provisional Army of the Confederate States of America.

JEFFERSON DAVIS.

No. 143.] WAR DEPARTMENT, CONFEDERATE STATES OF AMERICA,
Richmond, January 7, 1865.

SIR: I have the honor to recommend the nomination of Lieut. H. H. Flint, of Georgia, to be captain Company C, Seventh Confederate Regiment Cavalry, in the Provisional Army of the Confederate States of America, vice Captain Burke, resigned (of the officers entitled to promotion, one found incompetent and the other waived claims), to rank from December 24, 1864.

I am, sir, respectfully, your obedient servant,

JAMES A. SEDDON,
Secretary of War.

To His Excellency JEFFERSON DAVIS,
President, etc.

16.] EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT, CONFEDERATE STATES OF AMERICA,
Richmond, January 7, 1865.

To the Senate of the Confederate States:

Agreeably to the recommendation of the Secretary of War, I nominate H. B. Middleton, of South Carolina, to be second lieutenant (for distinguished valor and skill) Company I, First South Carolina Regiment, in the Provisional Army of the Confederate States of America.

JEFFERSON DAVIS.

No. 144.] WAR DEPARTMENT, CONFEDERATE STATES OF AMERICA,
Richmond, January 7, 1865.

SIR: I have the honor to recommend the nomination of H. B. Middleton, of South Carolina, to be second lieutenant (for distinguished valor and skill) Company I, First South Carolina Regiment, in the Provisional Army of the Confederate States of America, vice Lieutenant Murchison, resigned, to rank from December 31, 1864.

I am, sir, respectfully, your obedient servant,

JAMES A. SEDDON,
Secretary of War.

To His Excellency JEFFERSON DAVIS,
President, etc.

17.] EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT, CONFEDERATE STATES OF AMERICA,
Richmond, January 7, 1865.

To the Senate of the Confederate States:

Agreeably to the recommendation of the Secretary of War, I nominate Capt. E. A. Deslonde, of Louisiana, to be promoted to major in the Quartermaster's Department, Provisional Army of the Confederate States of America.

JEFFERSON DAVIS.

No. 142.]

WAR DEPARTMENT, CONFEDERATE STATES OF AMERICA,
Richmond, January 7, 1865.

SIR: I have the honor to recommend the nomination of Capt. E. A. Deslonde, of Louisiana, to be promoted to major in the Quartermaster's Department, Provisional Army of the Confederate States of America, report to Quartermaster-General for assignment to duty, to rank from December 26, 1864.

I am, sir, respectfully, your obedient servant,

JAMES A. SEDDON,
Secretary of War.

To His Excellency JEFFERSON DAVIS,
President, etc.

18.]

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT, CONFEDERATE STATES OF AMERICA,
Richmond, January 7, 1865.

To the Senate of the Confederate States:

Agreeably to the recommendation of the Secretary of War, I nominate S. A. Gregg, of South Carolina, to be first lieutenant Gregg's battery of artillery, in the Provisional Army of the Confederate States of America.

JEFFERSON DAVIS.

No. 141.]

WAR DEPARTMENT, CONFEDERATE STATES OF AMERICA,
Richmond, January 6, 1865.

SIR: I have the honor to recommend the nomination of S. A. Gregg, of South Carolina, to be first lieutenant Gregg's battery of artillery, in the Provisional Army of the Confederate States of America, vice Lieutenant Edwards, resigned, and the officers entitled to promotion waiving claims, to rank from November 25, 1864.

I am, sir, respectfully, your obedient servant,

JAMES A. SEDDON,
Secretary of War.

To His Excellency JEFFERSON DAVIS,
President, etc.

19.]

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT, CONFEDERATE STATES OF AMERICA,
Richmond, January 7, 1865.

To the Senate of the Confederate States:

Agreeably to the recommendation of the Secretary of War, I nominate Capt. J. I. Middleton, of South Carolina, to be promoted to major in the Quartermaster's Department, Provisional Army of the Confederate States of America.

JEFFERSON DAVIS.

No. 137.]

WAR DEPARTMENT, CONFEDERATE STATES OF AMERICA,
Richmond, January 6, 1865.

SIR: I have the honor to recommend the nomination of Capt. J. I. Middleton, of South Carolina, to be promoted to major in the Quartermaster's Department, Provisional Army of the Confederate States of America, for duty with artillery, First Corps, Army of Northern Virginia (an original vacancy), to rank from December 31, 1864.

I am, sir, respectfully, your obedient servant,

JAMES A. SEDDON,
Secretary of War.

To His Excellency JEFFERSON DAVIS,
President, etc.

The messages were severally read.

Ordered. That they be referred to the Committee on Military Affairs.

The following message was received from the President of the Confederate States, by Mr. B. N. Harrison, his Secretary:

20.]

To the Senate of the Confederate States:

Agreeably to the recommendation of the Secretary of the Navy, I nominate the person named on the annexed list to the office designated.

JEFFERSON DAVIS.

RICHMOND, VA., *January 9, 1865.*

No. 9.] NAVY DEPARTMENT, CONFEDERATE STATES OF AMERICA,
Richmond, January 5, 1865.

The PRESIDENT.

SIR: I have the honor to recommend the following nomination for appointment in the Provisional Navy:

First lieutenant.

Allen C. Izard, of South Carolina.

I am, respectfully, your obedient servant,

S. R. MALLORY,
Secretary of the Navy.

The message was read.

Ordered, That it be referred to the Committee on Naval Affairs.

The following message was received from the President of the Confederate States, by Mr. B. N. Harrison, his Secretary:

21.]

RICHMOND, VA., *January 7, 1865.*

To the Senate of the Confederate States:

Agreeably to the recommendation of the Postmaster-General, I hereby nominate the persons named upon the annexed list to the offices designated.

JEFFERSON DAVIS.

POST-OFFICE DEPARTMENT, CONFEDERATE STATES OF AMERICA,
Richmond, January 6, 1865.

To the PRESIDENT.

SIR: I have the honor to recommend, for confirmation by the Senate, the following appointments, made since the opening of the present adjourned session of Congress:

December 20, 1864, William W. Jones, Louisburg, Franklin County, N. C.

December 20, 1864, Charles Aunsbaugh, Fincastle, Botetourt County, Va.

Very respectfully, your obedient servant,

JOHN H. REAGAN,
Postmaster-General.

The message was read.

Ordered, That it be referred to the Committee on Post-Offices and Post-Roads.

On motion by Mr. Sparrow,

The Senate resolved into open legislative session.

TUESDAY, JANUARY 10, 1865.

OPEN SESSION.

Mr. Walker (by leave) introduced

A bill (S. 159) to secure more effectually the preservation and distribution of the effects of deceased officers and soldiers; which was read the first and second times and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Mr. Caperton (by leave) introduced

A joint resolution (S. 22) exempting maple sugar from the tithe imposed by the act levying taxes for the support of the Government, approved February 17, 1864; which was read the first and second times and referred to the Committee on Finance.

Mr. Sparrow, from the Committee on Military Affairs, to whom was referred the bill (H. R. 302) to amend an act approved August 21, 1861, entitled "An act to provide for local defense and special service," and an act approved October 13, 1862, entitled "An act to authorize the formation of volunteer companies for local defense," reported it with an amendment.

The Senate proceeded, as in Committee of the Whole, to the consideration of the said bill; and the reported amendment having been agreed to, the bill was reported to the Senate and the amendment was concurred in.

Ordered, That the amendment be engrossed and the bill read a third time.

The said bill as amended was read the third time.

Resolved, That it pass with an amendment.

Ordered, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the House of Representatives in the amendment.

Mr. Sparrow, from the Committee on Military Affairs, to whom was referred the bill (H. R. 304) to increase the efficiency of the cavalry of the Confederate States, reported it without amendment.

Ordered, That it lie upon the table and be printed.

On motion by Mr. Sparrow, and by unanimous consent,

Ordered, That 50 additional copies of the bill be printed for the use of the Senate.

Mr. Sparrow, from the Committee on Military Affairs, to whom was referred the joint resolution (S. 21) of thanks to Brig. Gen. Stand Watie, Colonel Gano, and the officers and men under their command, reported it without amendment.

The Senate proceeded, as in Committee of the Whole, to the consideration of the joint resolution last mentioned; and no amendment being proposed, it was reported to the Senate.

Ordered, That it be engrossed and read a third time.

The said resolution was read the third time.

Resolved, unanimously, That it pass, and that the title thereof be as aforesaid.

Ordered, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the House of Representatives therein.

On motion by Mr. Sparrow,

Ordered, That the Committee on Military Affairs be discharged from the further consideration of a resolution inquiring into the expediency of reorganizing and mounting and equipping, at the expense of the Government, the cavalry of the Confederate States.

The Senate proceeded, as in Committee of the Whole, to the consideration of the bill (S. 155) to regulate the pay and allowances of certain female employees of the Government.

On motion by Mr. Simms, to amend the bill by striking out "for the use of themselves," lines 79 and 80,

It was determined in the affirmative.

On motion by Mr. Sparrow, to amend the bill by striking out "or," line 19, and inserting "of hospitals shall receive two hundred and fifty dollars per month, with the allowances now provided by law, and,"

It was determined in the negative.

On motion by Mr. Simms, to amend the bill by inserting after "family," line 57, the words "not exceeding three,"

It was determined in the affirmative.

On motion by Mr. Semmes, to amend the bill by striking out the words

And provided such female shall be the mother or head of a family of one or more persons dependent upon her for support, she shall also have the right to purchase, upon the terms above stated, one additional ration for each member of her family, not exceeding three, of the character above named,

It was determined in the affirmative.

On motion by Mr. Simms,

Ordered, That the bill be referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

The Senate proceeded to consider the resolution submitted by Mr. Watson on yesterday, providing for the appointment of a joint committee to investigate the condition and treatment of prisoners of war held by the Confederate and United States Governments; and

The resolution was agreed to.

Ordered, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the House of Representatives therein.

Mr. Brown, from the Committee on Naval Affairs, to whom was referred the bill (H. R. 306) to provide commissioned officers of the Army and Navy and Marine Corps with clothing, reported it with an amendment.

The Senate proceeded, as in Committee of the Whole, to the consideration of the said bill; and

On motion by Mr. Brown,

Ordered, That the bill and amendment be referred to the Committee on Military Affairs.

On motion by Mr. Wigfall,

The Senate resolved into secret legislative session.

The doors having been opened,

Mr. Burnett submitted the following resolutions; which were severally considered and agreed to:

Resolved, That the Committee on Military Affairs be instructed to inquire into the propriety of abolishing the offices of post, depot, and purchasing quartermaster and commissary, and substituting therefor bonded agents, who shall be appointed from persons above the age of forty-five years.

Resolved, That the Committee on Military Affairs be instructed to inquire into the propriety of vacating the offices of all persons upon duty in the Conscript Bureau, and of requiring the duties now performed through that bureau to be discharged by commandants of the reserves in the several States.

On motion by Mr. Burnett,

The Senate adjourned.

SECRET SESSION.

A message from the House of Representatives, by Mr. Dalton:

Mr. President: The House of Representatives have passed a resolution authorizing the joint committee appointed to inquire into our present and future means of public defense, to confer with any committee raised, in secret session, by the legislature of Virginia; in which they request the concurrence of the Senate.

The Senate proceeded to consider the said resolution of the House of Representatives; and

Resolved, That they concur therein.

Ordered, That the Secretary inform the House of Representatives thereof.

The President laid before the Senate a communication from the Secretary of the Treasury, submitting an estimate of the arrear of the public debt, and suggesting certain measures for its liquidation; which was read.

Ordered, That it be referred to the Committee on Finance.

The Senate resumed, as in Committee of the Whole, the consideration of the bill (S. 157) to provide for the appointment of a directing general of the armies of the Confederate States.

An amendment having been proposed by Mr. Maxwell,
 After debate,
 On motion by Mr. Sparrow, that the bill be recommitted to the Committee on Military Affairs,
 On motion by Mr. Walker,
 The Senate resolved into open legislative session.

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 11, 1865.

OPEN SESSION.

Mr. Maxwell submitted the following resolution; which was considered and agreed to:

Resolved, That the Committee on Finance be instructed to inquire into the expediency of increasing the compensation of the Vice-President of the Confederate States.

Mr. Watson (by leave) introduced

A joint resolution (S. 23) requesting the President to appoint a day of fasting, humiliation, and prayer, with thanksgiving; which was read the first and second times and considered as in Committee of the Whole; and no amendment being proposed, it was reported to the Senate.

Ordered, That it be engrossed and read a third time.

The said resolution was read the third time.

Resolved, That it pass, and that the title thereof be as aforesaid.

Ordered, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the House of Representatives therein.

The Senate resumed, as in Committee of the Whole, the consideration of the bill (S. 106) to repeal in part an act to regulate the destruction of property, under military necessity, and to provide for the indemnity thereof, approved March 17, 1862.

On the question to agree to the following amendment reported from the Committee on Military Affairs, to wit: Strike out all after the enacting clause and insert:

That hereafter, whenever cotton or tobacco, or military or naval stores, or other property of any kind whatever, which may aid the enemy in the prosecution of the war, may be in an exposed position where it would be liable to seizure and removal by the enemy, the general officer commanding the department or the district where the said cotton, tobacco, military or naval stores, or other property, may be situated, may, in his discretion, order the owners thereof to move the same to some place of safety, to be designated by him, if such removal is necessary to prevent the said property from falling into the hands of the enemy; and if the property is not moved as directed, within a reasonable time, by the owners thereof, then it shall be lawful for the said general officer to have the same removed at the expense of the owners, under general regulations to be prescribed by the Secretary of War, or to destroy the same as now provided by law,

On motion by Mr. Garland, to amend the reported amendment by striking out "in his discretion," lines 12 and 13,

It was determined in the affirmative.

On motion by Mr. Garland, to amend the reported amendment by striking out "is," line 16, and inserting "in the judgment of such general commanding should be,"

It was determined in the affirmative.

On the question to agree to the reported amendment as amended,

It was determined in the affirmative,	{ Yeas	16
	{ Nays	3

On motion by Mr. Walker,

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present,
Those who voted in the affirmative are,

Messrs. Baker, Barnwell, Burnett, Caperton, Dortch, Garland,
Haynes, Henry, Hill, Hunter, Johnson of Missouri, Maxwell, Oldham,
Semmes, Sparrow, and Wigfall.

Those who voted in the negative are,

Messrs. Graham, Walker, and Watson.

On motion by Mr. Watson,

Ordered, That the further consideration of the bill be postponed until to-morrow.

On motion by Mr. Johnson of Missouri,

Ordered, That Alexander M. Moffett have leave to withdraw his petition and papers by leaving copies of the same.

The Senate resumed, as in Committee of the Whole, the consideration of the bill (H. R. 191) to facilitate the settlement of claims of deceased officers and soldiers; and

On motion by Mr. Semmes,

Ordered, That the further consideration thereof be postponed until Wednesday next.

The Senate resumed, as in Committee of the Whole, the consideration of the bill (H. R. 242) to provide for sequestrating the property of persons liable to military service who have departed, or shall depart, from the Confederate States without permission; and

On motion by Mr. Garland,

Ordered, That the further consideration thereof be postponed until Tuesday, the 19th instant [*sic*].

On motion by Mr. Walker,

The Senate resolved into secret legislative session.

The doors having been opened,

Mr. Semmes, from the Committee on Finance, to whom was referred the joint resolution (S. 22) exempting maple sugar from the tithe imposed by the act levying taxes for the support of the Government, approved February 17, 1864, reported it with an amendment.

The Senate proceeded, as in Committee of the Whole, to the consideration of the said resolution; and the reported amendment having been agreed to, the resolution was reported to the Senate and the amendment was concurred in.

Ordered, That the resolution be engrossed and read a third time.

The said resolution was read the third time and the title was amended.

Resolved, That it pass, and that the title thereof be "Joint resolution exempting maple sugar from the tithe imposed by the act entitled 'An act to amend an act entitled "An act to lay taxes for the common defense and carry on the Government of the Confederate States," approved April twenty-fourth, eighteen hundred and sixty-three,' approved February seventeenth, eighteen hundred and sixty-four."

Ordered, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the House of Representatives therein.

On motion by Mr. Garland,

The Senate adjourned.

SECRET SESSION.

The Senate resumed, as in Committee of the Whole, the consideration of the bill (S. 157) to provide for the appointment of a directing general of the armies of the Confederate States; and

After debate,

On motion by Mr. Semmes,

The Senate resolved into open legislative session.

THURSDAY, JANUARY 12, 1865.

OPEN SESSION.

Mr. Johnson of Missouri presented the credentials of the Hon. George G. Vest, appointed a Senator by the executive of the State of Missouri, to fill, until the next meeting of the legislature of that State, the vacancy occasioned by the inability of the legislature to elect a Senator conformably to the provisions of the Constitution of the Confederate States, owing to the occupancy of the said State of Missouri by the public enemy; which were read.

On motion by Mr. Johnson of Missouri, that the oath prescribed by the Constitution be administered to Mr. Vest,

It was determined in the affirmative,	Y	Yeas	-----	15
	N	Nays	-----	4

On motion by Mr. Walker,

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present,
Those who voted in the affirmative are,

Messrs. Baker, Barnwell, Burnett, Caperton, Dortch, Garland, Haynes, Henry, Hunter, Oldham, Semmes, Simms, Sparrow, Watson, and Wigfall.

Those who voted in the negative are,

Messrs. Brown, Graham, Hill, and Walker.

Whereupon,

The oath prescribed by the Constitution was administered to Mr. Vest, and he took his seat in the Senate.

A message from the House of Representatives, by Mr. Dalton:

Mr. President: The House of Representatives have passed a bill and joint resolution of the following titles; in which they request the concurrence of the Senate:

H. R. 273. An act to authorize the consolidation of companies, battalions, and regiments; and

H. R. 20. Joint resolution construing the act of January 30, 1864, increasing the compensation of certain officers and employees of the Government.

Mr. Hill submitted the following resolution; which was considered and agreed to:

Resolved, That the Committee on Finance be instructed to inquire what legislation may be necessary for the relief of taxpayers residing in districts occupied or overrun by the enemy; and also what legislation may be expedient for the relief of agriculturists who have been unable to comply with their bonds required by the act of February seventeenth, eighteen hundred and sixty-four, by reason of the depredations of the enemy, or by reason of the subsequent exaction of military service by State or Confederate authority since the execution of the bonds.

Mr. Sparrow, from the Committee on Military Affairs, reported

A bill (S. 160) to allow missionaries in the Army rations, and, in certain cases, forage for one horse to post chaplains;

Messrs. Henry, Hill, Johnson of Missouri, and Wigfall.

So it was

Resolved, That this bill pass, and that the title thereof be "An act to modify and amend an act to regulate the destruction of property, under military necessity, and to provide for the indemnity thereof, approved March seventeenth, eighteen hundred and sixty-two."

Ordered, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the House of Representatives therein.

On motion by Mr. Garland,

The Senate resolved into secret legislative session.

The doors having been opened,

On motion by Mr. Barnwell,

The Senate adjourned.

SECRET SESSION.

Mr. Sparrow, from the Committee on Military Affairs, submitted the following resolution for consideration:

Resolved, That the President of the Confederate States be requested to communicate to the Senate the contemporaneous correspondence and documents mentioned in the letter of the Secretary of War of the third instant, communicating a copy of the report of General Joseph E. Johnston called for by a resolution of the Senate.

The Senate proceeded to consider the said resolution; and

On motion by Mr. Barnwell, to amend the resolution by inserting after "Senate," line 4, the words "if in his opinion it be not incompatible with the public interests."

It was determined in the affirmative.

The resolution as amended was then agreed to.

The Senate resumed, as in Committee of the Whole, the consideration of the bill (S. 157) to provide for the appointment of a directing general of the armies of the Confederate States; and

On motion by Mr. Garland,

Ordered, That the further consideration thereof be postponed to and made the special order for to-morrow, at 1 o'clock.

On motion by Mr. Henry,

The Senate resolved into executive session.

EXECUTIVE SESSION.

Mr. Sparrow, from the Committee on Military Affairs, to whom were referred (on the 21st ultimo) the nominations of William E. De Moss, W. T. Robins, D. E. Scruggs, James C. Malone, John McAnerney, and R. O. Pickett, to be colonels; L. R. Terrell, G. W. Scott, W. E. Tanner, S. F. Sutherland, P. J. Ennis, and J. R. Powell, to be lieutenant-colonels; T. H. Ayres, Bolling Baker, E. M. Boykin, J. B. Vaughan, and W. P. Wrenn, to be majors; McP. Wright, J. C. B. Smith, W. J. Sloan, W. E. Cropp, J. H. Chamberlayne, R. A. Tompkins, M. Locke, and George Wilcox, to be captains; James B. Horton, William H. Smith, and James E. Towson, to be first lieutenants; F. S. Spiller, F. K. Huger, O. N. Butler, R. S. Rutledge, and W. G. Simms, to be second lieutenants; D. Wintter, to be major; B. M. Harrod and John Howard, to be captains; R. A. Stiles, J. E. Roller, and William P. Welch, to be first lieutenants; Beverley Green, B. S. Long, Charles Minor, J. M. Beekham, W. R. Abbott, C. R. Venable, P. G. Scott, W. W. Dallam, F. Harris, John H. Houston, and C. N. B. Minor, to be second lieutenants of engineer troops, reported, with the recommendation that all of said nominations be confirmed.

The Senate proceeded to consider said report; and in concurrence therewith, it was

Resolved, That the Senate do advise and consent to their appointment, agreeably to the nomination of the President.

Mr. Sparrow, from the Committee on Military Affairs, to whom was referred (on the 3d instant) the nomination of W. L. Jackson, to be brigadier-general, reported, with the recommendation that said nomination be confirmed.

The Senate proceeded to consider said report; and in concurrence therewith, it was

Resolved, That the Senate do advise and consent to his appointment, agreeably to the nomination of the President.

Mr. Sparrow, from the Committee on Military Affairs, to whom were referred (on the 9th instant) the nominations of H. J. Leovy, to be member of military court, with the rank of colonel of cavalry; E. L. Hobson, W. H. Clark, W. L. Doss, and James Dickey, to be colonels; G. W. Hammond, K. Otey, B. Taylor, R. J. Lawrence, C. A. Conn, John B. Lady, A. Savage, E. J. Goggans, James T. Adams, and J. P. Crawford, to be lieutenant-colonels; C. G. Tucker, J. R. Hutter, Waller M. Boyd, R. G. Prewitt, A. W. Gibson, and J. M. Jeffries, to be majors; J. R. Pringle, A. N. Ogden, and W. C. Ellis, to be captains; H. W. De Saussure, J. D. Scott, F. M. Williams, J. B. Humphreys, J. B. Cleveland, C. L. C. Dupuy, and G. E. Strawbridge, to be first lieutenants; James B. Owens, A. C. Stallworth, W. F. Nelson, W. P. McLean, John R. Moore, T. H. B. Maddox, L. W. Grant, W. McR. Jordan, James H. Taylor, and R. L. Bassham, to be adjutants, with rank of first lieutenants; J. L. Robertson and Louis Colomb, to be second lieutenants of artillery, reported, with the recommendation that all of said nominations be confirmed.

The Senate proceeded to consider said report; and in concurrence therewith, it was

Resolved, That the Senate do advise and consent to their appointment, agreeably to the nomination of the President.

On motion by Mr. Barnwell,

The Senate resolved into open legislative session.

FRIDAY, JANUARY 13, 1865.

OPEN SESSION.

On motion by Mr. Garland,

Ordered, That the leave of absence heretofore granted to the Hon. Robert W. Johnson be extended to Saturday, the 13th day of February next [*sic*].

On motion by Mr. Sparrow,

Ordered, That the Committee on Military Affairs be discharged from the further consideration of a letter from A. B. Allen, in relation to the right of officers to purchase clothing, and from the further consideration of certain papers relating to the same subject, presented by Mr. Watson, on the 28th of December.

Mr. Sparrow, from the Committee on Military Affairs, to whom was referred the bill (S. 114) to provide clothing for the commissioned officers of the armies of the Confederate States below the rank of

brigadier-general in the field, reported it with the recommendation that it ought not to pass.

The Senate proceeded, as in Committee of the Whole, to the consideration of the said bill; and

On motion by Mr. Sparrow,

Ordered, That the further consideration thereof be postponed indefinitely.

Mr. Watson, from the Committee on Printing, to whom was referred the amendment of the House of Representatives to the bill (S. 93) to amend an act entitled "An act to provide for the safe custody, printing, publication, and distribution of the laws, and to provide for the appointment of an additional clerk in the Department of Justice," approved August 5, 1861, reported it without amendment.

The Senate proceeded to consider the amendment of the House of Representatives to the bill last mentioned; and

Resolved, That they concur therein.

Ordered, That the Secretary inform the House of Representatives thereof.

On motion by Mr. Sparrow, from the Committee on Military Affairs, and by unanimous consent,

Ordered, That 50 additional copies of the bill (S. 156) to provide for the reorganization of companies, battalions, and regiments in certain cases, be printed for the use of the Senate.

On motion by Mr. Johnson of Missouri,

The Senate resolved into secret legislative session.

The doors having been opened,

On motion by Mr. Maxwell,

The Senate adjourned.

SECRET SESSION.

The Senate resumed, as in Committee of the Whole, the consideration of the bill (S. 157) to provide for the appointment of a directing general of the armies of the Confederate States.

The question being on agreeing to the motion submitted by Mr. Sparrow on the 10th instant, to recommit the bill to the Committee on Military Affairs,

After debate,

Mr. Sparrow (by leave) withdrew his said motion; and

On motion by Mr. Caperton,

The Senate resolved into executive session.

EXECUTIVE SESSION.

Mr. Sparrow, from the Committee on Military Affairs, to whom was referred (on the 6th ultimo) the nomination of Robert A. Stiles, to be major of artillery, reported, with the recommendation that said nomination be confirmed.

The Senate proceeded to consider said report; and in concurrence therewith, it was

Resolved, That the Senate do advise and consent to his appointment, agreeably to the nomination of the President.

Mr. Sparrow, from the Committee on Military Affairs, to whom were referred (on the 16th ultimo) the nominations of Marshall J. Smith and J. W. Atkinson, to be lieutenant-colonels, and T. B. Fergu-

son, J. A. A. West, and J. G. Blount, to be majors of artillery, reported, with the recommendation that all of said nominations be confirmed.

The Senate proceeded to consider said report; and in concurrence therewith, it was

Resolved, That the Senate do advise and consent to their appointment, agreeably to the nomination of the President.

Mr. Sparrow, from the Committee on Military Affairs, to whom were referred (on the 3d instant) the nominations of H. H. Miller, to be colonel, and A. C. Steede, to be lieutenant-colonel of cavalry; O. Latrobe and J. W. Fairfax, to be lieutenant-colonels, and Hart Gibson, to be captain in the Adjutant-General's Department; C. A. C. Waller, to be captain, and Leigh M. Blanton, to be second lieutenant, for distinguished valor and skill; D. Manney, to be chaplain; James A. Cate, C. D. Christian, George Marshall, R. M. Henderson, and William Munroe, to be adjutants, with rank of first lieutenants, and Henry A. Wise and A. R. Elmore, to be second lieutenants, reported, with the recommendation that all of said nominations be confirmed.

The Senate proceeded to consider said report; and in concurrence therewith, it was

Resolved, That the Senate do advise and consent to their appointment, agreeably to the nomination of the President.

Mr. Sparrow, from the Committee on Military Affairs, to whom were referred (on the 9th instant) the nominations of R. L. T. Beale, to be brigadier-general; E. A. Deslonde and R. J. Nugent, to be quartermasters, with rank of major; H. H. Flint, to be captain of cavalry; S. A. Gregg, to be first lieutenant of artillery, and H. B. Middleton, to be second lieutenant, for distinguished valor and skill, reported, with the recommendation that all of said nominations be confirmed.

The Senate proceeded to consider said report; and in concurrence therewith, it was

Resolved, That the Senate do advise and consent to their appointment, agreeably to the nomination of the President.

The following messages were received from the President of the Confederate States, by Mr. B. N. Harrison, his Secretary:

1.] EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT, CONFEDERATE STATES OF AMERICA,
Richmond, January 12, 1865.

To the Senate of the Confederate States:

Agreeably to the recommendation of the Secretary of War, I nominate the officers on the accompanying list to the grades affixed to their names, respectively.

JEFFERSON DAVIS.

No. 148.] WAR DEPARTMENT, CONFEDERATE STATES OF AMERICA,
Richmond, January 11, 1865.

SIR: I have the honor to recommend the following nominations for appointment in the Provisional Army of the Confederate States of America:

Lieutenant-colonel.

Maj. Charles J. Munnerlyn, of Florida, to be lieutenant-colonel Munnerlyn's (commissary) battalion, to rank from December 23, 1864.

Major.

William Footman, of Florida, to be major Munnerlyn's (commissary) battalion, to rank from December 23, 1864.

I am, sir, respectfully, your obedient servant,

JAMES A. SEDDON,
Secretary of War.

To His Excellency JEFFERSON DAVIS,
President, etc.

2.] EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT, CONFEDERATE STATES OF AMERICA,
Richmond, January 12, 1865.

To the Senate of the Confederate States:

Agreeably to the recommendation of the Secretary of War, I nominate Moses Hough, of South Carolina, to be second lieutenant (for distinguished valor and skill) in the Provisional Army of the Confederate States of America.

JEFFERSON DAVIS.

No. 147.] WAR DEPARTMENT, CONFEDERATE STATES OF AMERICA,
Richmond, January 11, 1865.

SIR: I have the honor to recommend the nomination of Moses Hough, of South Carolina, to be second lieutenant Company A, Seventh South Carolina Infantry Battalion (for distinguished valor and skill), in the Provisional Army of the Confederate States of America, vice Lieutenant Gardner, promoted, to rank from December 21, 1864.

I am, sir, respectfully, your obedient servant,

JAMES A. SEDDON,
Secretary of War.

To His Excellency JEFFERSON DAVIS,
President, &c.

3.] EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT, CONFEDERATE STATES OF AMERICA,
Richmond, January 11, 1865.

To the Senate of the Confederate States:

Agreeably to the recommendation of the Secretary of War, I nominate James H. Whitner, of South Carolina, to be captain Company D, Twenty-second South Carolina Regiment, in the Provisional Army of the Confederate States of America.

JEFFERSON DAVIS.

No. 146.] WAR DEPARTMENT, CONFEDERATE STATES OF AMERICA,
Richmond, January 9, 1865.

SIR: I have the honor to recommend the nomination of James H. Whitner, of South Carolina, to be captain Company D, Twenty-second South Carolina Regiment, in the Provisional Army of the Confederate States of America (the officer entitled to promotion found incompetent and nonmaterial in the company to select from), vice Captain McGrath, retired, to rank from January 2, 1865.

I am, sir, respectfully, your obedient servant,

JAMES A. SEDDON,
Secretary of War.

To His Excellency JEFFERSON DAVIS,
President, &c.

The messages were read.

Ordered. That they be referred to the Committee on Military Affairs.

On motion by Mr. Maxwell.

The Senate resolved into open legislative session.

SATURDAY, JANUARY 14, 1865.

OPEN SESSION.

A message from the House of Representatives, by Mr. Dalton:

Mr. President: The House of Representatives have passed a bill (H. R. 310) amendatory of the act entitled "An act to provide for the organization of the Arkansas and Red River Superintendency of Indian Affairs, to regulate trade and intercourse with the Indians therein, and to preserve peace on the frontiers," approved April 8, 1862; in which they request the concurrence of the Senate.

And they have passed Senate bills of the following titles:

S. 89. An act to repeal a part of the twenty-sixth section of an act approved February 15, 1862, entitled "An act to alter and amend an act entitled 'An act for the sequestration of the estates, property, and effects of alien enemies, and for indemnity of citizens of the Confederate States and persons aiding the same in the existing war with the United States,' approved August thirtieth, eighteen hundred and sixty-one;"

S. 130. An act to authorize newspapers to be mailed to soldiers free of postage;

S. 132. An act to regulate the supplies of clothing to midshipmen of the Navy;

S. 141. An act to increase the pay of noncommissioned officers, privates, and musicians of the Marine Corps;

S. 142. An act to increase the number of acting midshipmen in the Navy, and to prescribe the mode of appointment;

S. 143. An act to authorize the employment of instructors for the acting midshipmen of the Navy, and to regulate their pay;

S. 145. An act to authorize the appointment of naval constructors in the Provisional Navy, and to fix their pay; and

S. 149. An act to amend an act entitled "An act to provide for the payment of the interest on the removal and subsistence fund due the Cherokee Indians in North Carolina," approved May 1, 1863.

Mr. Haynes, from the Committee on the Judiciary, to whom was referred the bill (S. 155) to regulate the pay and allowances of certain female employees of the Government, reported it with amendments.

Ordered, That the amendments be printed.

The Senate resumed, as in Committee of the Whole, the consideration of the bill (H. R. 191) to facilitate the settlement of claims of deceased officers and soldiers; and

On motion by Mr. Semmes,

Ordered, That it be recommitted to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Mr. Walker, from the Committee on the Judiciary, to whom was referred the bill (S. 159) to secure more effectually the preservation and distribution of the effects of deceased officers and soldiers, reported it without amendment.

Ordered, That it be printed.

The bill (H. R. 310) received this day from the House of Representatives for concurrence was read the first and second times and referred to the Committee on Indian Affairs.

On motion by Mr. Semmes,

The Senate resolved into secret legislative session.

The doors having been opened,

On motion by Mr. Graham,

The Senate adjourned.

SECRET SESSION.

The Senate resumed, as in Committee of the Whole, the consideration of the bill (S. 157) to provide for the appointment of a directing general of the armies of the Confederate States.

On the question to agree to the following amendment proposed to the bill by Mr. Maxwell, to wit: Insert after "war," line 8, the words "subject to the authority of the President as commander in chief,"

Mr. Maxwell (by leave) withdrew the said amendment.

An amendment having been proposed by Mr. Semmes.

After debate,

On motion by Mr. Haynes,

Ordered, That the bill and amendment lie upon the table.

Mr. Henry submitted the following resolution for consideration:

It being the deliberate judgment of Congress that the assignment of General Robert E. Lee to the duty of directing general, or general in chief, of the armies of the Confederate States, charged, in addition to the command in person of the Army of Northern Virginia, with the general superintendence and direction of military operations; the assignment of General Beauregard to the command of the army in South Carolina, Georgia, and Florida; and the assignment of General Joseph E. Johnston to the command of the Army of Tennessee, would produce the most salutary effect, both upon the country and in the Army, and would be highly conducive to the success of the great cause in which we are engaged: Therefore,

Resolved, That the Congress respectfully but earnestly advise the President to assign the officers named to the several duties and positions above mentioned.

The Senate proceeded to consider the said resolution; and

On the question to agree thereto,

It was determined in the affirmative,	{ Yeas-----	14
	{ Nays-----	2

On motion by Mr. Brown,

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present,

Those who voted in the affirmative are,

Messrs. Brown, Burnett, Caperton, Garland, Haynes, Henry, Hill, Hunter, Johnson of Missouri, Simms, Vest, Walker, Watson, and Wigfall.

Those who voted in the negative are,

Messrs. Semmes and Sparrow.

So the resolution was agreed to.

Ordered, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the House of Representatives therein.

Mr. Burnett submitted the following motion for consideration:

Ordered, That the vote on passing the resolution advising the President to assign Generals Lee, Beauregard, and Joseph E. Johnston to certain positions in the armies of the Confederate States be reconsidered.

On motion by Mr. Sparrow,

The Senate resolved into executive session.

EXECUTIVE SESSION.

Mr. Sparrow, from the Committee on Military Affairs, to whom was referred (on the 3d instant) the nomination of Smith P. Bankhead, to be colonel of artillery, reported, with the recommendation that said nomination be confirmed.

The Senate proceeded to consider said report; and in concurrence therewith, it was

Resolved, That the Senate do advise and consent to his appointment, agreeably to the nomination of the President.

Mr. Brown, from the Committee on Naval Affairs, to whom was referred (on the 29th ultimo) the nomination of Elijah J. Vasser, to be assistant paymaster, reported, with the recommendation that said nomination be confirmed.

The Senate proceeded to consider said report; and in concurrence therewith, it was

Resolved, That the Senate do advise and consent to his appointment, agreeably to the nomination of the President.

On motion by Mr. Graham,

The Senate resolved into open legislative session.

MONDAY, JANUARY 16, 1865.

OPEN SESSION.

A message from the House of Representatives, by Mr. Dalton:

Mr. President: The House of Representatives have passed a bill and joint resolution of the Senate of the following titles:

S. 122. An act regulating the compensation of postmasters, special agents, and route agents; and

S. 23. Joint resolution requesting the President to appoint a day of fasting, humiliation, and prayer, with thanksgiving.

And they have passed Senate bills of the following titles:

S. 111. An act to authorize the President to appoint commissioners for the exchange of prisoners; and

S. 117. An act to authorize the commanders of the reserves in each State to order general courts-martial and to revise the proceedings of courts-martial and military courts, with amendments; in which they request the concurrence of the Senate.

The Speaker of the House of Representatives having signed two enrolled bills, I am directed to bring them to the Senate for the signature of their President.

Mr. Haynes submitted the following resolution; which was considered and agreed to:

Resolved, That the Secretary of the Senate be instructed to purchase, for the use of the Committee on the Judiciary, a copy of the orders which have been heretofore issued from the Adjutant and Inspector General's Office.

Mr. Semmes submitted the following resolution; which was considered and agreed to:

Resolved, That the Committee on Finance be instructed to inquire into the expediency of providing for an issue of certificates, to be used in payment of present and future debts contracted by the Government in the purchase or impressment of corn, wheat, oats, cotton, tobacco, cattle, meat, leather, horses, and mules; said certificates to be issued in sums not less than one hundred dollars, assignable by indorsement, payable twelve months after the war, and to contain an alternative obligation to return, in kind, a similar quantity and quality of the objects impressed or purchased, or to pay the market value thereof at the time of impressment or purchase in specie, with interest thereon at the rate of six per cent per annum, at the option of the holder.

On motion by Mr. Walker,

Ordered, That the leave of absence heretofore granted the Hon. Robert Jemison be extended until Wednesday, the 25th instant.

Mr. Barnwell, from the Committee on Finance, to whom was referred the bill (H. R. 229) to provide more effectually for the reduction and redemption of the currency, reported it with amendments.

Ordered, That the amendments be printed.

Mr. Barnwell, from the Committee on Finance, who had been instructed by a resolution of the Senate to inquire into the subject, reported

A bill (S. 161) to increase, for a limited period, the salary of the Vice-President;

which was read the first and second times and considered as in Committee of the Whole; and no amendment being proposed it was reported to the Senate.

Ordered, That it be engrossed and read a third time.

The said bill was read the third time.

Resolved, That it pass, and that the title thereof be as aforesaid.

Ordered, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the House of Representatives therein.

Mr. Barnwell, from the Committee on Finance, to whom was referred the joint resolution (H. R. 20) construing the act of January 30, 1864, increasing the compensation of certain officers and employees of the Government, reported it with the recommendation that it ought not to pass.

The Senate proceeded to consider the amendments of the House of Representatives to the following bills:

S. 111. An act to authorize the President to appoint commissioners for the exchange of prisoners; and

S. 117. An act to authorize the commanders of the reserves in each State to order general courts-martial and to revise the proceedings of courts-martial and military courts; and

Ordered. That they be referred to the Committee on Military Affairs.

The Senate proceeded, as in Committee of the Whole, to the consideration of the following bills:

H. R. 321. An act supplementary to an act entitled "An act to authorize the formation of new commands, to be composed of supernumerary officers who may resign to join such commands, and to limit and restrict the appointment of officers in certain cases," approved June 14, 1864; and

H. R. 305. An act to grant free transportation to officers, non-commissioned officers, and privates of the Army traveling on leave of indulgence; and

On motion by Mr. Sparrow,

Ordered. That the further consideration of the said bills be postponed indefinitely.

Mr. Graham presented the memorial of the mechanics and artisans of the city of Raleigh, N. C., praying to be permanently exempted from conscription; which was referred to the Committee on Military Affairs.

The Senate proceeded, as in Committee of the Whole, to the consideration of the bill (S. 156) to provide for the reorganization of companies, battalions, and regiments in certain cases; and

On motion by Mr. Sparrow,

Ordered. That the further consideration thereof be postponed to and made the special order for Wednesday next, at 1 o'clock.

On motion by Mr. Sparrow,

The Senate resolved into secret legislative session.

The doors having been opened,

Mr. Caperton, from the committee, reported that they had examined and found truly enrolled bills of the following titles:

S. 93. An act to amend an act entitled "An act to provide for the safe custody, printing, publication, and distribution of the laws, and to provide for the appointment of an additional clerk in the Department of Justice," approved August 5, 1861; and

H. R. 306. An act to provide commissioned officers of the Army and Navy and Marine Corps with clothing.

The President having signed the enrolled bills last reported to have been examined, they were delivered to the Secretary of the Senate and by him forthwith presented to the President of the Confederate States for his approval.

On motion by Mr. Semmes,

The Senate adjourned.

SECRET SESSION.

The Senate proceeded to consider the motion submitted by Mr. Burnett on the 14th instant, to reconsider the vote on passing the resolution advising the President to assign Generals Lee, Beauregard, and Joseph E. Johnston to certain positions in the armies of the Confederate States; and

On the question to agree thereto,

It was determined in the negative,	Yea	10
	Nay	12

On motion by Mr. Sparrow,

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present,
Those who voted in the affirmative are,

Messrs. Baker, Barnwell, Burnett, Graham, Hill, Hunter, Maxwell,
Semmes, Sparrow, and Watson.

Those who voted in the negative are,

Messrs. Brown, Caperton, Dortch, Garland, Haynes, Henry, Johnson of Missouri, Oldham, Simms, Vest, Walker, and Wigfall.

On motion by Mr. Sparrow,

The Senate resumed, as in Committee of the Whole, the consideration of the bill (S. 157) to provide for the appointment of a directing general of the armies of the Confederate States.

On the question to agree to the following amendment proposed to the bill by Mr. Semmes, to wit: After "general," line 4, insert "to be styled general of the armies of the Confederate States."

It was determined in the affirmative.

On motion by Mr. Semmes, to amend the bill by inserting after "whom," line 4, the words "subject to the constitutional authority of the President,"

It was determined in the affirmative,	{ Yeas-----	16
	{ Nays-----	6

On motion by Mr. Semmes,

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present,
Those who voted in the affirmative are,

Messrs. Baker, Barnwell, Brown, Burnett, Caperton, Dortch, Haynes, Henry, Hill, Hunter, Maxwell, Oldham, Semmes, Simms, Sparrow, and Watson.

Those who voted in the negative are,

Messrs. Garland, Graham, Johnson of Missouri, Vest, Walker, and Wigfall.

On motion by Mr. Sparrow, to amend the bill by striking out all after the enacting clause and inserting:

That there shall be appointed by the President, by and with the advice and consent of the Senate, an officer who shall be known and designated as "General in chief," who shall be the ranking officer of the Army, and as such shall have command of the military forces of the Confederate States.

SEC. 2. That the act providing a staff for the general who may be assigned to duty at the seat of government, is hereby repealed; and that the general in chief who may be appointed under the provisions of this act, shall have a staff not less than that now allowed a general in the field, to be assigned by the President, or to be appointed by him, by and with the advice and consent of the Senate,

It was determined in the affirmative.

No further amendment being proposed, the bill was reported to the Senate and the amendment was concurred in.

Ordered, That the bill be engrossed and read a third time.

The said bill was read the third time and the title was amended.

On the question,

Shall the bill now pass?

It was determined in the affirmative,	{ Yeas-----	20
	{ Nays-----	2

On motion by Mr. Burnett,

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present,
Those who voted in the affirmative are,

Messrs. Baker, Brown, Burnett, Caperton, Dortch, Garland, Graham, Haynes, Henry, Hunter, Johnson of Missouri, Maxwell,

Oldham, Semmes, Simms, Sparrow, Vest, Walker, Watson, and Wigfall.

Those who voted in the negative are,
Messrs. Barnwell and Hill.

So it was

Resolved, That this bill pass, and that the title thereof be "An act to provide for the appointment of a general in chief of the armies of the Confederate States."

Ordered, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the House of Representatives therein.

Mr. Caperton submitted the following resolution for consideration:

Resolved (the House of Representatives concurring), That if the President will assign General J. E. Johnston to the command of the Army of Tennessee, it will, in the opinion of the Congress of the Confederate States, be hailed with joy by the Army, and will restore confidence to the country.

The Senate proceeded to consider the said resolution;

When,

Mr. Caperton called for the question:

And the question being put,

Is the call for the question seconded?

It was determined in the affirmative.	Yea	13
	Nay	9

On motion by Mr. Sparrow,

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present,
Those who voted in the affirmative are,

Messrs. Brown, Burnett, Caperton, Dortch, Garland, Haynes, Henry, Johnson of Missouri, Maxwell, Oldham, Simms, Walker, and Wigfall.

Those who voted in the negative are,

Messrs. Baker, Barnwell, Graham, Hill, Hunter, Semmes, Sparrow, Vest, and Watson.

So the call for the question was seconded;

And the pending question being then put, viz:

Will the Senate agree to the said resolution?

It was determined in the affirmative.	Yea	16
	Nay	5

On motion by Mr. Walker,

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present,
Those who voted in the affirmative are,

Messrs. Brown, Burnett, Caperton, Dortch, Garland, Graham, Haynes, Henry, Hunter, Johnson of Missouri, Oldham, Simms, Vest, Walker, Watson, and Wigfall.

Those who voted in the negative are,

Messrs. Barnwell, Hill, Maxwell, Semmes, and Sparrow.

So the resolution was agreed to.

Ordered, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the House of Representatives therein.

On motion by Mr. Sparrow,

The Senate resolved into executive session.

EXECUTIVE SESSION.

Mr. Brown, from the Committee on Naval Affairs, to whom was referred (on the 9th instant) the nomination of Allen C. Izard, to be

first lieutenant in the Provisional Navy, reported, with the recommendation that said nomination be confirmed.

The Senate proceeded to consider said report; and

On motion by Mr. Brown,

Ordered, That it lie upon the table.

The following messages were received from the President of the Confederate States, by Mr. B. N. Harrison, his Secretary:

1.] EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT, CONFEDERATE STATES OF AMERICA,
Richmond, January 14, 1865.

To the Senate of the Confederate States:

Agreeably to the recommendation of the Secretary of War, I nominate W. F. Drinkard, of Virginia, to be a military storekeeper of ordnance (under act approved August 21, 1861), with pay and allowance of captain of infantry in the Army of the Confederate States of America.

JEFFERSON DAVIS.

No. 45.] WAR DEPARTMENT, CONFEDERATE STATES OF AMERICA,
Richmond, December 5, 1864.

SIR: I have the honor to recommend the nomination of W. F. Drinkard, of Virginia, to be a military storekeeper of ordnance (under act approved August 21, 1861), with pay and allowance of captain of infantry in the Army of the Confederate States of America, vice W. N. Smith, resigned, to rank from July 23, 1864.

I am, sir, respectfully, your obedient servant,

JAMES A. SEDDON,
Secretary of War.

To His Excellency JEFFERSON DAVIS,
President, etc.

2.] EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT, CONFEDERATE STATES OF AMERICA,
Richmond, January 14, 1865.

To the Senate of the Confederate States:

Agreeably to the recommendation of the Secretary of War, I nominate Walter Weir, of Virginia, to be an assistant adjutant-general, with the rank of captain in the Provisional Army of the Confederate States of America.

JEFFERSON DAVIS.

No. 134.] WAR DEPARTMENT, CONFEDERATE STATES OF AMERICA,
Richmond, January 5, 1865.

SIR: I have the honor to recommend the nomination of Walter Weir, of Virginia, to be assistant adjutant-general, with the rank of captain in the Provisional Army of the Confederate States of America, for duty Johnson's (B. R.) old brigade, Army of Northern Virginia, to rank from December 27, 1864.

I am, sir, respectfully, your obedient servant,

JAMES A. SEDDON,
Secretary of War.

To His Excellency JEFFERSON DAVIS,
President, etc.

3.] EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT, CONFEDERATE STATES OF AMERICA,
Richmond, January 14, 1865.

To the Senate of the Confederate States:

Agreeably to the recommendation of the Secretary of War, I nominate the officers on the accompanying list to the grades affixed to their names, respectively.

JEFFERSON DAVIS.

No. 152.] WAR DEPARTMENT, CONFEDERATE STATES OF AMERICA,
Richmond, January 13, 1865.

SIR: I have the honor to recommend the following nominations for promotion in the Provisional Army of the Confederate States of America:

Surgeons.

Asst. Surg. Thomas E. Williams, of Virginia, to be surgeon, to rank from November 3, 1864.

Asst. Surg. Benjamin W. Sparks, of Georgia, to be surgeon, to rank from November 5, 1864.

Asst. Surg. L. Jackson, of Virginia, to be surgeon, to rank from November 10, 1864.

Asst. Surg. Alf. S. Patrick, of Virginia, to be surgeon, to rank from November 14, 1864.

Asst. Surg. Benjamin A. Check, of North Carolina, to be surgeon, to rank from November 15, 1864.

Asst. Surg. James T. Cropp, of Virginia, to be surgeon, to rank from November 28, 1864.

Asst. Surg. William J. Barry, of Maryland, to be surgeon, to rank from October 1, 1864.

Asst. Surg. J. C. Maxwell, of South Carolina, to be surgeon, to rank from October 7, 1864.

Asst. Surg. T. S. Latimer, of Georgia, to be surgeon, to rank from October 17, 1864.

Asst. Surg. R. C. Carlisle, of South Carolina, to be surgeon, to rank from October 22, 1864.

Asst. Surg. John D. Patton, of South Carolina, to be surgeon, to rank from October 26, 1864.

Asst. Surg. D. J. Roberts, of Tennessee, to be surgeon, to rank from June 6, 1863.

Asst. Surg. G. T. Pursley, of Arkansas, to be surgeon, to rank from February 9, 1863.

Asst. Surg. W. H. Richardson, of Louisiana, to be surgeon, to rank from September 3, 1864.

Asst. Surg. John P. Wall, of Florida, to be surgeon, to rank from October 17, 1864.

Asst. Surg. William M. Wilson, of Missouri, to be surgeon, to rank from October 20, 1864.

Asst. Surg. John L. Vertrees, of Kentucky, to be surgeon, to rank from October 27, 1864.

Asst. Surg. W. H. Bramblitt, of Virginia, to be surgeon, to rank from November 11, 1864.

Asst. Surg. John O. Scott, of Kentucky, to be surgeon, to rank from October 11, 1864.

Asst. Surg. Jos. J. Murray, of South Carolina, to be surgeon, to rank from February 7, 1863.

Asst. Surg. D. A. Linthicum, of Kentucky, to be surgeon, to rank from October 15, 1861.

Asst. Surg. G. W. Carrington, of Virginia, to be surgeon, to rank from December 5, 1864.

Asst. Surg. I. D. Thomson, of Maryland, to be surgeon, to rank from December 20, 1864.

I am, sir, respectfully, your obedient servant,

JAMES A. SEDDON,
Secretary of War.

To His Excellency JEFFERSON DAVIS,
President, &c.

5.] EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT, CONFEDERATE STATES OF AMERICA,
Richmond, January 14, 1865.

To the Senate of the Confederate States:

Agreeably to the recommendation of the Secretary of War, I nominate E. W. Mumford, of Tennessee, to be member of military court, with rank of colonel of cavalry in the Provisional Army of the Confederate States of America.

JEFFERSON DAVIS.

No. 157.] WAR DEPARTMENT, CONFEDERATE STATES OF AMERICA,
Richmond, January 14, 1865.

SIR: I have the honor to recommend the nomination of E. W. Mumford, of Tennessee, to be member of military court, with rank of colonel of cavalry in the Provisional Army of the Confederate States of America, for duty with Gen. S. D. Lee's old division, Army of Tennessee, vice Col. Winchester Hall, declined, to date from January 9, 1865.

I am, sir, respectfully, your obedient servant,

JAMES A. SEDDON,
Secretary of War.

To His Excellency JEFFERSON DAVIS,
President, &c.

6.] EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT, CONFEDERATE STATES OF AMERICA,
Richmond, January 14, 1865.

To the Senate of the Confederate States:

Agreeably to the recommendation of the Secretary of War, I nominate the officers on the accompanying list to the grades affixed to their names, respectively.

JEFFERSON DAVIS.

No. 155.]

WAR DEPARTMENT, CONFEDERATE STATES OF AMERICA,

Richmond, January 14, 1865.

SIR: I have the honor to recommend the following nominations for promotion in the Provisional Army of the Confederate States of America:

Colonels.

Lieut. Col. Nathan Gregg, of Tennessee, to be colonel Sixtieth Tennessee Regiment, vice Colonel Crawford, resigned, to rank from October 25, 1864.

Maj. Waters B. Jones, of Georgia, to be colonel Sixtieth Georgia Regiment, vice Colonel Stiles, resigned, and Lieutenant-Colonel Berry, retired, to rank from January 3, 1865.

Lieut. Col. W. B. Wooldridge, of Virginia, to be colonel Fourth Virginia Cavalry Regiment, vice Colonel Payne, appointed brigadier-general, to rank from November 1, 1864.

Lieut. Col. W. C. Clifton, of Alabama, to be colonel Thirty-ninth Alabama Regiment, vice Colonel Clark, retired, to rank from November 6, 1864.

Lieut. Col. A. M. Nelson, of Mississippi, to be colonel Forty-second Mississippi Regiment, vice Colonel Feeney, killed, to rank from May 5, 1864.

Maj. R. O. Reynolds, of Mississippi, to be colonel Eleventh Mississippi Regiment, vice Colonel Green, killed, and Lieutenant-Colonel Lowry, resigned, to rank from December 1, 1864.

Lieut. Col. D. G. Coward, of North Carolina, to be colonel Thirty-second North Carolina Regiment, vice Colonel Brabble, killed, to rank from May 10, 1864.

Lieut. Col. J. R. Winston, of North Carolina, to be colonel Forty-fifth North Carolina Regiment, vice Colonel Boyd, killed, to rank from May 19, 1864.

Lieut. Col. J. T. Morehead, of North Carolina, to be colonel Fifty-third North Carolina Regiment, vice Colonel Owens, killed, to rank from July 19, 1864.

Lieutenant-colonels.

Maj. James A. Rhea, of Tennessee, to be lieutenant-colonel Sixtieth Tennessee Regiment, vice Lieutenant-Colonel Gregg, promoted, to rank from October 25, 1864.

Maj. William H. Hulsey, of Georgia, to be lieutenant-colonel Forty-second Georgia Regiment, vice Lieutenant-Colonel Maddox, appointed colonel Second Regiment Georgia Reserves, to rank from May 9, 1864.

Maj. W. H. H. Cowles, of North Carolina, to be lieutenant-colonel Ninth North Carolina Regiment (First Cavalry), vice Lieutenant-Colonel Barringer, promoted, to rank from June 1, 1864.

Maj. R. L. Maury, of Virginia, to be lieutenant-colonel Twenty-fourth Virginia Regiment, vice Lieutenant-Colonel Hairston, resigned, to rank from April 9, 1863.

Majors.

Capt. T. C. Beckham, of South Carolina, to be major Fifth South Carolina Regiment, vice Major Wylie, promoted, to rank from November 21, 1864.

Capt. G. M. Norment, of North Carolina, to be major Thirty-fourth North Carolina Regiment, vice Major Twitty, deceased, to rank from September 10, 1864.

Capt. L. P. Thomas, of Georgia, to be major Forty-second Georgia Regiment, vice Major Hulsey, promoted, to rank from May 9, 1864.

Capt. Baker P. Lee, of Virginia, to be major Thirty-second Virginia Regiment, vice Major Sinclair, resigned, to rank from January 5, 1863.

Capt. J. H. Johnson, of Tennessee, to be major Fourteenth Tennessee Regiment, vice Major Morris, retired, to rank from August 12, 1864.

Capt. M. D. L. McLeod, of North Carolina, to be major Ninth North Carolina Regiment (First Cavalry), vice Major Cowles, promoted, to rank from June 1, 1864.

Capt. W. W. Bentley, of Virginia, to be major Twenty-fourth Virginia Regiment, vice Major Maury, promoted, to rank from May 29, 1864.

Capt. F. C. Smith, of Georgia, to be major Twenty-fourth Georgia Regiment, vice Major Winn, promoted, to rank from September 20, 1864.

Capt. F. H. De Graffenried, of Georgia, to be major Fourth Georgia Regiment, vice Major Nash, promoted, to rank from August 5, 1864.

Capt. T. B. Graham, of Mississippi, to be major Fifteenth [Twentieth?] Mississippi Regiment, vice Major Massey, killed, to rank from June 15, 1864.

I am, sir, respectfully, your obedient servant,

JAMES A. SEDDON,

Secretary of War.

To His Excellency JEFFERSON DAVIS,

President, etc.

7.] EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT, CONFEDERATE STATES OF AMERICA,
Richmond, January 14, 1865.

To the Senate of the Confederate States:

Agreeably to the recommendation of the Secretary of War, I nominate the officers on the accompanying list to the grades affixed to their names, respectively.

JEFFERSON DAVIS.

No. 156.] WAR DEPARTMENT, CONFEDERATE STATES OF AMERICA,
Richmond, January 14, 1864.

SIR: I have the honor to recommend the following nominations for appointment in the Provisional Army of the Confederate States of America:

Adjutants—first lieutenants.

E. W. Watson, of Alabama, to be adjutant Sixth Alabama Regiment, vice Adjutant Thomas, killed, to rank from June 15, 1864.

Joseph Clegg, of Arkansas, to be adjutant Thirty-fifth Arkansas Regiment (an original vacancy), to rank from June 15, 1864.

R. L. McCaughrin, of South Carolina, to be adjutant Fourteenth South Carolina Regiment, vice Adjutant Brown, deceased, to rank from December 26, 1864.

I am, sir, respectfully, your obedient servant,

JAMES A. SEDDON,
Secretary of War.

To His Excellency JEFFERSON DAVIS,
President, etc.

8.] EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT, CONFEDERATE STATES OF AMERICA,
Richmond, January 13, 1865.

To the Senate of the Confederate States:

Agreeably to the recommendation of the Secretary of War, I nominate the officers on the accompanying list to the grades affixed to their names, respectively.

JEFFERSON DAVIS.

No. 150.] WAR DEPARTMENT, CONFEDERATE STATES OF AMERICA,
Richmond, January 12, 1865.

SIR: I have the honor to recommend the following nominations for appointment in the Provisional Army of the Confederate States of America:

Colonel.

Lieut. Col. I. W. Avery, of Georgia, to be colonel Twelfth Georgia Cavalry Regiment (formed by increasing the Twenty-third Georgia Battalion Cavalry—see S. O. 8, Par. XI, inclosed), to rank from January 30, 1863.

Lieutenant-colonel.

Capt. William L. Cook, of Georgia, to be lieutenant-colonel Twelfth Georgia Cavalry Regiment (see remarks under nomination of Colonel Avery), to rank from January 30, 1863.

Major.

Capt. D. J. Owen, of Georgia, to be major Twelfth Georgia Cavalry Regiment (see remarks under nomination of Colonel Avery), to rank from January 30, 1863.

I am, sir, respectfully, your obedient servant,

JAMES A. SEDDON,
Secretary of War.

To His Excellency JEFFERSON DAVIS,
President, etc.

9.] EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT, CONFEDERATE STATES OF AMERICA,
Richmond, January 13, 1865.

To the Senate of the Confederate States:

Agreeably to the recommendation of the Secretary of War, I nominate the officers on the accompanying list to the grades affixed to their names, respectively.

JEFFERSON DAVIS.

No. 153.]

WAR DEPARTMENT, CONFEDERATE STATES OF AMERICA,
Richmond, January 13, 1865.

SIR: I have the honor to recommend the following nominations for appointment in the Provisional Army of the Confederate States of America:

Surgeons.

Henry B. Haynie, of Tennessee, to rank from June 10, 1863.
Benjamin F. Ward, of Mississippi, to rank from May 22, 1862.
Edward Miller, of Kentucky, to rank from June 1, 1863.
Joseph W. Aken, of Mississippi, to rank from May 23, 1862.

Assistant surgeons.

Peter F. Scott, of Virginia, to rank from November 9, 1864.
William V. Croxton, of Virginia, to rank from November 10, 1864.
Thomas Wells, of South Carolina, to rank from October 13, 1864.
Alexander Tinsley, of Virginia, to rank from October 20, 1864.
John Ligon, of Virginia, to rank from October 28, 1864.
William S. Easley, of Virginia, to rank from October 29, 1864.
Robert P. Myers, of Georgia, to rank from September 9, 1862.
Robert D. Porter, of Kentucky, to rank from June 15, 1864.
Thomas W. Flagg, of Kentucky, to rank from October 14, 1864.
John P. Talbott, of Kentucky, to rank from November 18, 1861.
Charles F. Butler, of Kentucky, to rank from July 17, 1864.
John A. Hamilton, of Kentucky, to rank from March 1, 1864.
Robert L. Knox, of Mississippi, to rank from July 14, 1864.
P. Willson, of Georgia, to rank from November 1, 1864.
William P. Brewer, of Louisiana, to rank from November 3, 1864.
Jacob W. Summers, of South Carolina, to rank from November 8, 1864.
William J. Reeves, of Georgia, to rank from November 9, 1864.
Alfred S. James, of South Carolina, to rank from November 9, 1864.
James A. Fogle, of Georgia, to rank from November 14, 1864.
Thomas S. Lafitte, of South Carolina, to rank from November 17, 1864.
William H. Ford, of South Carolina, to rank from November 14, 1864.
Richard F. Sams, of South Carolina, to rank from November 17, 1864.
Jos. M. Dulin, of Arkansas, to rank from November 19, 1864.
William S. Stevens, of South Carolina, to rank from November 19, 1864.
William Alston, of South Carolina, to rank from November 22, 1864.
John J. Goodwyn, of South Carolina, to rank from November 23, 1864.
C. R. Smith, of Mississippi, to rank from October 16, 1864.
John W. Colson, of South Carolina, to rank from October 6, 1864.
John M. Weekly, of South Carolina, to rank from October 11, 1864.
John P. Peterson, of Alabama, to rank from October 15, 1864.
Henry S. Orme, of Georgia, to rank from October 22, 1864.
M. B. Johnson, of South Carolina, to rank from October 24, 1864.
E. L. Tillinghast, of South Carolina, to rank from October 25, 1864.
A. J. Burroughs, of Georgia, to rank from October 25, 1864.
Thomas McCoy, of South Carolina, to rank from October 26, 1864.
A. E. McGarity, of Alabama, to rank from February 12, 1863.
William W. Murray, of South Carolina, to rank from June 7, 1864.
William W. Fraser, of South Carolina, to rank from June 9, 1864.
P. H. E. Sloan, of South Carolina, to rank from June 16, 1864.
Charles Davant, of South Carolina, to rank from June 20, 1864.
E. M. Martin, of South Carolina, to rank from June 24, 1864.
William H. Mitchell, of Georgia, to rank from June 27, 1864.
Robert W. Foster, of Alabama, to rank from June 29, 1864.
M. J. Nicholson, of Georgia, to rank from June 30, 1864.

I am, sir, respectfully, your obedient servant,

JAMES A. SEDDON,
Secretary of War.

To His Excellency JEFFERSON DAVIS,
President, &c.

10.] EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT, CONFEDERATE STATES OF AMERICA,
Richmond, January 13, 1865.

To the Senate of the Confederate States:

Agreeably to the recommendation of the Secretary of War, I nominate Maj. J. L. Brent, of Virginia, to be colonel of artillery (under act approved January 22, 1862) in the Provisional Army of the Confederate States of America.

JEFFERSON DAVIS.

No. 151.] WAR DEPARTMENT, CONFEDERATE STATES OF AMERICA,
Richmond, January 12, 1865.

SIR: I have the honor to recommend the nomination of Maj. J. L. Brent, of Virginia, to be colonel of artillery (under act approved January 22, 1862) in the Provisional Army of the Confederate States of America, for duty in Department of West Louisiana, to rank from April 17, 1864.

I am, sir, respectfully, your obedient servant,

JAMES A. SEDDON,
Secretary of War.

To His Excellency JEFFERSON DAVIS,
President, &c.

11.] EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT, CONFEDERATE STATES OF AMERICA,
Richmond, January 13, 1865.

To the Senate of the Confederate States:

Agreeably to the recommendation of the Secretary of War, I nominate Capt. C. S. Hart, of Georgia, to be promoted to major in the Quartermaster's Department, Provisional Army of the Confederate States of America.

JEFFERSON DAVIS.

No. 149.] WAR DEPARTMENT, CONFEDERATE STATES OF AMERICA,
Richmond, January 12, 1865.

SIR: I have the honor to recommend the nomination of Capt. C. S. Hart, of Georgia, to be promoted major in the Quartermaster's Department, Provisional Army of the Confederate States of America, for duty with Lomax's division, Army of Northern Virginia, vice Major Snowden, relieved, to rank from December 26, 1864.

I am, sir, respectfully, your obedient servant,

JAMES A. SEDDON,
Secretary of War.

To His Excellency JEFFERSON DAVIS,
President, &c.

The messages were read.

Ordered, That they be referred to the Committee on Military Affairs.

4.] RICHMOND, VA., *January 14, 1865.*

To the Senate of the Confederate States:

Agreeably to the recommendation of the Postmaster-General, I hereby nominate the persons named upon the annexed list to the offices designated.

JEFFERSON DAVIS.

POST-OFFICE DEPARTMENT, CONFEDERATE STATES OF AMERICA,
Richmond, January 13, 1865.

To the PRESIDENT:

SIR: I have the honor to recommend, for confirmation by the Senate, the following appointments made since the opening of the present adjourned session of Congress:

January 12, 1865, John M. Springs, Charlotte, Mecklenburg County, N. C.

January 12, 1865, W. H. Mann, Gordonsville, Orange County, Va.

January 12, 1865, A. Sutherland, Bennettsville, Marlborough District, S. C.

Very respectfully, your obedient servant,

JOHN H. REAGAN,
Postmaster-General.

The message was read.

Ordered, That it be referred to the Committee on Post-Offices and Post-Roads.

On motion by Mr. Hill,

The Senate resolved into open legislative session.

TUESDAY, JANUARY 17, 1865.

OPEN SESSION.

Mr. Sparrow, from the Committee on Military Affairs, to whom was referred the amendment of the House of Representatives to the bill (S. 111) to authorize the President to appoint commissioners for the exchange of prisoners, reported thereon.

The Senate proceeded to consider the amendment of the House of Representatives to the bill (S. 111) last mentioned; and

Resolved, That they concur therein, with an amendment.

Ordered, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the House of Representatives in the amendment.

Mr. Sparrow, from the Committee on Military Affairs, to whom were referred the amendments of the House of Representatives to the bill (S. 117) to authorize the commanders of the reserves in each State to order general courts-martial and to revise the proceedings of courts-martial and military courts, reported thereon.

The Senate proceeded to consider the amendments of the House of Representatives to the bill (S. 117) last mentioned; and

Resolved, That they agree to the first amendment of the House of Representatives to the said bill, and that they agree to the second amendment with an amendment.

Ordered, That the Secretary inform the House of Representatives thereof.

Mr. Sparrow, from the Committee on Military Affairs, to whom was referred the bill (H. R. 273) to authorize the consolidation of companies, battalions, and regiments, reported it with an amendment.

Ordered, That the bill be printed.

The Senate resumed, as in Committee of the Whole, the consideration of the bill (S. 134) to increase the maximum rates of compensation allowed to railroad companies for the transportation of the mails of the Confederate States; and no amendment being proposed, it was reported to the Senate.

Ordered, That it be engrossed and read a third time.

The said bill was read the third time.

Resolved, That it pass, and that the title thereof be as aforesaid.

Ordered, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the House of Representatives therein.

The President laid before the Senate a communication from the Secretary of the Treasury in relation to the necessity of including so much of the State of Louisiana as lies east of the Mississippi River within the jurisdiction of the state collector of Mississippi; which was read.

Ordered, That it be referred to the Committee on Finance.

The Senate resumed, as in Committee of the Whole, the consideration of the bill (S. 155) to regulate the pay and allowances of certain female employees of the Government; and the reported amendments having been amended and agreed to, the bill was reported to the Senate and the amendments were concurred in.

Ordered, That the bill be engrossed and read a third time.

The said bill was read the third time.

Resolved, That it pass, and that the title thereof be as aforesaid.

Ordered, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the House of Representatives therein.

The Senate proceeded, as in Committee of the Whole, to the consideration of the bill (S. 159) to secure more effectually the preservation and distribution of the effects of deceased officers and soldiers; and having been amended on the motion of Mr. Walker, the bill was reported to the Senate and the amendment was concurred in.

Ordered, That the bill be engrossed and read a third time.

The said bill was read the third time.

Resolved, That it pass, and that the title thereof be as aforesaid.

Ordered, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the House of Representatives therein.

On motion by Mr. Henry,

The Senate resolved into secret legislative session.

The doors having been opened,

On motion by Mr. Barnwell,

The Senate adjourned.

SECRET SESSION.

On motion by Mr. Henry, and by unanimous consent, the vote on passing the resolution advising the President to assign Generals Lee, Beauregard, and Joseph E. Johnston to certain positions in the armies of the Confederate States was reconsidered.

The Senate resumed the consideration of the said resolution; and

On motion by Mr. Henry,

Ordered, That it lie upon the table.

On motion by Mr. Sparrow,

The Senate resolved into executive session.

EXECUTIVE SESSION.

Mr. Sparrow, from the Committee on Military Affairs, to whom were referred the nominations of S. B. Buckner, to be lieutenant-general; J. L. Kemper and William Mahone, to be major-generals; W. H. Stevens, William MacRae, W. H. Payne, W. L. Brandon, L. J. Gartrell, Basil W. Duke, and P. T. Moore, to be brigadier-generals, reported, with the recommendation that all of said nominations be confirmed.

The Senate proceeded to consider said report; and in concurrence therewith, it was

Resolved, That the Senate do advise and consent to their appointment, agreeably to the nomination of the President.

Mr. Sparrow, from the Committee on Military Affairs, to whom was referred (on the 14th ultimo) the nomination of Robert Bullock, to be brigadier-general, with temporary rank, reported, with the recommendation that said nomination be confirmed.

The Senate proceeded to consider said report; and in concurrence therewith, it was

Resolved, That the Senate do advise and consent to his appointment, agreeably to the nomination of the President.

On motion by Mr. Burnett,

The Senate resolved into open [legislative] session.

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 18, 1865.

OPEN SESSION.

A message from the House of Representatives, by Mr. Dalton:

Mr. President: The House of Representatives have passed bills of the following titles; in which they request the concurrence of the Senate:

H. R. 308. An act to provide more effectually for carrying out certain stipulations in the treaty made with the Cherokee Nation of Indians; and

H. R. 336. An act to authorize the establishment of an office of deposit in connection with the Treasury.

And they have passed Senate bills of the following titles:

S. 112. An act to prescribe the pay and allowances of provost-marshals and clerks of military courts.

S. 128. An act to amend an act entitled "An act for the establishment and organization of the Army of the Confederate States of America," approved March 6, 1861; and

S. 161. An act to increase, for a limited period, the salary of the Vice-President.

Mr. Walker submitted the following resolution; which was considered and agreed to:

Resolved, That the privilege of the floor of the Senate be extended to Captain Raphael Semmes, Confederate States Navy, during his stay in this city.

Mr. Sparrow submitted the following resolution; which was considered and agreed to:

Resolved, That the President of the Confederate States be requested to communicate to the Senate the information asked for in the resolution of the Senate adopted on the seventeenth day of November last as to the number of persons in each State exempted from military service by reason of being claimed as State officers; and also the further information, in response to the resolutions of the Senate of the ninth day of November last, as to the number of exemptions and details for express, telegraphic, and railroad companies, etc., which the chief of the Bureau of Conscription stated, in his letter communicated to the Senate in partial response to said resolutions, was then being procured.

Mr. Oldham (by leave) introduced

A bill (S. 162) to amend an act entitled "An act to impose regulations upon the foreign commerce of the Confederate States to provide for the public defense," approved February 6, 1864; which was read the first and second times and referred to the Committee on Commerce.

Mr. Maxwell submitted the following resolution; which was considered and agreed to:

Resolved, That the Committee on the Judiciary be instructed to inquire into the expediency of authorizing the pay due to prisoners in the hands of the enemy to be drawn by parties properly empowered to draw the same.

Mr. Johnson of Missouri, from the Committee on Indian Affairs, to whom was referred the bill (H. R. 310) amendatory of the act entitled "An act to provide for the organization of the Arkansas and Red River Superintendency of Indian Affairs, to regulate trade and intercourse with the Indians therein, and to preserve peace on the frontiers," approved April 8, 1862, reported it without amendment.

The Senate proceeded, as in Committee of the Whole, to the consideration of the said bill; and no amendment being proposed, it was reported to the Senate.

Ordered, That it pass to a third reading.

The said bill was read the third time.

Resolved, That it pass.

Ordered, That the Secretary inform the House of Representatives thereof.

The bills received this day from the House of Representatives for concurrence were severally read the first and second times; and

Ordered, That the bill numbered 308 be referred to the Committee on Indian Affairs and the bill numbered 336 to the Committee on Finance.

The Senate proceeded, as in Committee of the Whole, to the consideration of the joint resolution (H. R. 20) construing the act of January 30, 1864, increasing the compensation of certain officers and employees of the Government; and

On motion by Mr. Semmes,

Ordered, That the further consideration thereof be postponed until Monday next.

The Senate proceeded, as in Committee of the Whole, to the consideration of the bill (H. R. 229) to provide more effectually for the reduction and redemption of the currency; and

On motion by Mr. Semmes,

Ordered, That the further consideration thereof be postponed until to-morrow.

The Senate resumed, as in Committee of the Whole, the consideration of the bill (S. 156) to provide for the reorganization of companies, battalions, and regiments in certain cases; and

On motion by Mr. Sparrow,

Ordered, That the further consideration thereof be postponed to and made the special order for to-morrow, at half past 12 o'clock.

Mr. Burnett submitted the following resolution; which was considered and agreed to:

Resolved, That the President be respectfully requested to furnish to the Senate the amount and kind of subsistence and clothing furnished to officers on duty in the city of Richmond for the last twelve months, with a table showing the names of the officers supplied, and the duties to which they are assigned.

A message from the House of Representatives, by Mr. Dalton:

Mr. President: I am directed by the House of Representatives to communicate to the Senate intelligence of the death of the Honorable Simpson H. Morgan, late a Representative in Congress from the State of Texas, together with the proceedings of the House thereon.

Mr. Wigfall submitted the following resolutions; which were considered and agreed to:

Resolved, That the Senate has received, with deep sensibility, the message from the House of Representatives announcing the death of the Honorable Simpson H. Morgan, late a Representative from the State of Texas.

Resolved, That the Secretary be directed to communicate a copy of the foregoing resolution to the family of the deceased.

Resolved, That, in token of respect for the memory of the deceased, the Senate do now adjourn.

Whereupon,

The Senate adjourned.

THURSDAY, JANUARY 19, 1865.

OPEN SESSION.

A message from the House of Representatives, by Mr. Dalton:

Mr. President: The House of Representatives have passed a resolution providing for the appointment of a joint committee of the two Houses to prepare an address to the people of the Confederate States; in which they request the concurrence of the Senate.

The House of Representatives have agreed to the resolution of the Senate providing for the appointment of a joint committee to investigate the condition and treatment of prisoners of war held by the Confederate and United States Governments; and have appointed as the committee on their part, Messrs. Marshall, Perkins, Gilmer, Clark, and Funsten.

The Speaker of the House of Representatives having signed sundry enrolled bills, I am directed to bring them to the Senate for the signature of their President.

Mr. Sparrow, from the Committee on Military Affairs, reported

A bill (S. 163) to authorize the appointment of additional officers in the Engineer Corps;

which was read and passed to a second reading.

Mr. Johnson of Missouri, from the Committee on Indian Affairs, to whom was referred the bill (H. R. 308) to provide more effectually for carrying out certain stipulations in the treaty made with the Cherokee Nation of Indians, reported it without amendment.

The Senate proceeded, as in Committee of the Whole, to the consideration of the said bill; and no amendment being proposed, it was reported to the Senate.

Ordered, That it pass to a third reading.

The said bill was read the third time.

Resolved, That it pass.

Ordered, That the Secretary inform the House of Representatives thereof.

The Senate proceeded to consider the resolution of the House of Representatives providing for the appointment of a joint committee of the two Houses to prepare an address to the people of the Confederate States; and

The resolution having been amended by filling the blank therein with "three," it was

Resolved, That it pass with an amendment.

Ordered, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the House of Representatives in the amendment.

Mr. Dortch, from the committee, reported that they had examined and found truly enrolled bills of the following titles:

H. R. 302. An act to amend an act approved August 21, 1861, entitled "An act to provide for local defense and special service," and an act approved October 13, 1862, entitled "An act to authorize the formation of volunteer companies for local defense;"

S. 89. An act to repeal a part of the twenty-sixth section of an act approved February 15, 1862, entitled "An act to alter and amend an act entitled 'An act for the sequestration of the estates, property, and effects of alien enemies, and for indemnity of citizens of the Confederate States and persons aiding the same in the existing war with the United States,' approved August thirtieth, eighteen hundred and sixty-one;"

S. 122. An act regulating the compensation of postmasters, special agents, and route agents;

S. 130. An act to authorize newspapers to be mailed to soldiers free of postage;

S. 132. An act to regulate the supplies of clothing to midshipmen of the Navy;

S. 141. An act to increase the pay of noncommissioned officers, privates, and musicians of the Marine Corps;

S. 142. An act to increase the number of acting midshipmen in the Navy, and to prescribe the mode of appointment;

S. 143. An act to authorize the employment of instructors for the acting midshipmen of the Navy, and to regulate their pay;

S. 145. An act to authorize the appointment of naval constructors in the Provisional Navy, and to fix their pay; and

S. 149. An act to amend an act entitled "An act to provide for the payment of the interest on the removal and subsistence fund due the Cherokee Indians in North Carolina," approved May 1, 1863.

The President pro tempore having signed the enrolled bills last reported to have been examined, they were delivered to the Secretary of the Senate and by him forthwith presented to the President of the Confederate States for his approval.

The Senate proceeded, as in Committee of the Whole, to the consideration of the bill (H. R. 273) to authorize the consolidation of companies, battalions, and regiments.

On motion by Mr. Vest, to amend the bill by striking out, section 2, lines 13, 14, 15, 16, and 17, the words

The general commanding is hereby authorized, in his discretion, to appoint a board, composed of three general officers, and to require from said board a report upon the qualifications and fitness of the officers whom he proposes to recommend,

It was determined in the affirmative.

On motion by Mr. Vest, to amend the bill by inserting after "shall," section 2, line 5, "upon the recommendation of the brigadier-general or other officer commanding each brigade,"

It was determined in the affirmative.

On motion by Mr. Johnson of Missouri, to amend the bill by striking out of the fourth section the following proviso:

And provided further, That the general commanding is authorized, in his discretion, to appoint a board, to be composed of three general officers, and require from said board a report upon the qualifications and fitness of any officer after his exchange,

It was determined in the affirmative.

On motion by Mr. Baker, to amend the bill by inserting after "act," section 5, line 4, "or in case of prisoners of war, within sixty days after being exchanged,"

It was determined in the affirmative.

On motion by Mr. Walker, to amend the bill by inserting the following independent section:

SEC. 9. That hereafter all promotions in companies, battalions, and regiments shall be by selection in the manner pointed out by the second section of this act,

It was determined in the affirmative.

On the question to agree to the following reported amendment, viz: Strike out all after the enacting clause and insert:

That whenever any companies which are now in the service shall be so reduced as to number less than thirty-two men, rank and file, present and fit for duty, and when it shall be proved, to the satisfaction of the Secretary of War or of the general

commanding the department of the Army in which said companies may be serving, that they can not be recruited to that number within a reasonable time, the general commanding said department or army shall, under general regulations to be issued by the Secretary of War, disband such companies.

SEC. 2. That new companies may be organized from the noncommissioned officers and privates of the companies thus disbanded, if they are from the same State, having the number, rank and file, now fixed by law; and the commissioned officers of said companies thus organized shall be one captain and one first and one second lieutenant, and the noncommissioned officers four sergeants and four corporals.

SEC. 3. That companies, if they are from the same State, may be organized into battalions and regiments; and officers for said companies, battalions, and regiments shall be immediately designated and placed on duty therein by the general commanding the department or the army in which the disbanded companies may have been serving, and officers thus designated shall continue to serve until officers shall be appointed by the President, by and with the advice and consent of the Senate; and all selections of officers made by the general, to command said new organizations, or appointments by the President therefor as herein provided, shall be from the commissioned officers of the companies, battalions, or regiments from which the new organizations were formed, or from such noncommissioned officers or privates thereof as may have been distinguished for meritorious and soldierly conduct, or for valor or skill; and the certificate of the colonel commanding the battalion or regiment in which said noncommissioned officers or privates may have served, that he has been so distinguished, if approved by the brigade and division commanders, shall be sufficient proof thereof.

SEC. 4. That the officers of companies, battalions, and regiments which may be disbanded as herein provided, and who may not be selected and appointed as required by this act, shall be dropped from the rolls as supernumerary officers; but such officers may, within a reasonable time, to be fixed by general orders to be issued by the Secretary of War, as to troops in the States east of the Mississippi River, and by the general commanding the department west of the Mississippi River as to troops therein, organize themselves into companies, battalions, and regiments, the officers to which shall be appointed by the President, with the advice and consent of the Senate, or said officers may volunteer into any company belonging to the department in which they last served, of any arm of the service; and all officers who may, within three months after the date of the order disbanding the company, battalion, or regiment to which he may have belonged, volunteer and enlist in such new organizations or in other companies, as authorized herein, shall receive, from the time they were dropped as supernumeraries, for twelve months, pay at the rate their grade entitles them to at the time they were so dropped.

SEC. 5. That hereafter all promotions in companies, battalions, and regiments shall be by selection, in the manner pointed out by the third section of this act, and all officers who may have belonged to the disbanded organizations, and who may be appointed to the same grade in the new which they held in the old organizations, shall take rank from the date of their first commission or appointment; and hereafter should the new companies organized under the provisions of this act become reduced in number so as to have less than thirty-two men, rank and file, present and fit for duty, and a vacancy should occur in the office of second lieutenant, the same shall not be filled; and should it be reduced below the number of sixteen, then a vacancy in the office of first lieutenant shall not be filled.

SEC. 6. That the offices of adjutants and ensigns of battalions and regiments are hereby abolished, and hereafter the officer commanding a battalion or regiment may assign any subaltern of the line, belonging to his command, to serve as adjutant, and said subaltern while so serving, shall receive, in addition to his pay and allowances, thirty dollars per month; and the officer commanding shall also assign, to act as color bearer, a noncommissioned officer or private from his command, who may be distinguished for meritorious or soldierly conduct, or for valor or skill, and said noncommissioned officer or private, whilst so acting, shall receive the pay of a first lieutenant.

SEC. 7. That the names of battalions and regiments organized under the provisions of this act shall be the names of the old battalions and regiments from which the new were formed, and the colors of the oldest battalion or regiment forming the new, shall be the colors of the new organization, and the colors of the other battalions and regiments shall be transmitted, by the Secretary of War, to the governors of the respective States, with a statement of the battles in which the battalion or regiment to which they belong may have borne a part.

SEC. 8. That all staff, line, and other officers who may not have any command, or who may not at any time be on duty for a period exceeding thirty days, unless they

belong to the invalid corps, or are prisoners of war, or are sick or wounded, or absent by leave of the Secretary of War or the general commanding the department or army to which they belong, shall be dropped from the rolls and held to service as now provided by law.

SEC. 9. That prisoners of war may, within sixty days after their exchange, avail themselves of the provisions of the _____ section of this act, and hereafter when commissioned officers of companies, battalions, or regiments may be captured by the enemy, the general commanding the department or army to which they belong may designate, or the President may appoint, other officers to fill their places as provided in this act, to serve with temporary rank and command, to be held only until the return of said officers so captured,

On motion by Mr. Sparrow, to amend the amendment by striking out "disband," section 1, line 10, and insert "consolidate."

It was determined in the affirmative.

On motion by Mr. Wigfall, to amend the amendment by striking out "shall," section 1, line 10, and inserting "may,"

It was determined in the negative.

On motion by Mr. Sparrow, to amend the amendment by striking out "disbanded," section 3, line 5, and inserting after "companies," in the same line, the words "before consolidation,"

It was determined in the affirmative.

On motion by Mr. Graham, to amend the amendment by striking out "three months," section 4, line 14, and inserting "thirty days."

It was determined in the affirmative.

The reported amendment having been further amended,

After debate,

On motion by Mr. Sparrow,

The Senate resolved into executive session.

The doors having been opened,

On motion by Mr. Garland,

The Senate adjourned.

EXECUTIVE SESSION.

Mr. Sparrow, from the Committee on Military Affairs, to whom was referred (on the 6th ultimo) the nomination of A. W. Stark, to be lieutenant-colonel of artillery, reported, with the recommendation that said nomination be confirmed.

The Senate proceeded to consider said report; and in concurrence therewith, it was

Resolved, That the Senate do advise and consent to his appointment, agreeably to the nomination of the President.

Mr. Sparrow, from the Committee on Military Affairs, to whom was referred (on the 21st ultimo) the nomination of Samuel L. Welch, to be surgeon, reported, with the recommendation that said nomination be confirmed.

The Senate proceeded to consider said report; and in concurrence therewith, it was

Resolved, That the Senate do advise and consent to his appointment, agreeably to the nomination of the President.

Mr. Sparrow, from the Committee on Military Affairs, to whom were referred (on the 29th ultimo) the nominations of M. R. Hall, W. H. Weems, W. R. Moore, J. B. Bibb, and R. N. Lewis, to be colonels; O. A. Bradshaw and G. W. Arnold, to be lieutenant-colonels; Jos. Bostick, M. D. Jones, J. N. Shedd, and J. Wilcox Brown, to be majors; R. H. Glenn and J. Mellenry, jr., to be captains; J. M. Payne

and W. M. Fontaine, to be first lieutenants; N. M. Osborne, J. T. Allyn, J. Howard Smith, J. J. Hay, J. M. Armistead, P. B. Dallas, Percy Bell, J. W. Carrington, Jos. Packard, jr., J. B. Prince, T. B. Bailey, N. H. Hazlewood, Thomas C. Pinckard, W. T. Weaver, J. G. Garrett, and C. H. Withrow, to be second lieutenants of artillery, for ordnance duty; Eli Duvall, to be first lieutenant and signal officer, reported, with the recommendation that all of said nominations be confirmed.

The Senate proceeded to consider said report; and in concurrence therewith, it was

Resolved, That the Senate do advise and consent to their appointment, agreeably to the nomination of the President.

Mr. Sparrow, from the Committee on Military Affairs, to whom were referred (on the 3d instant) the nominations of M. S. Langhorne and James Aiken, to be colonels; E. H. Armistead and J. S. Cone, to be lieutenant-colonels; T. A. Martin, T. McC. Prince, and W. H. Burr, to be majors, reported, with the recommendation that all of said nominations be confirmed.

The Senate proceeded to consider said report; and in concurrence therewith, it was

Resolved, That the Senate do advise and consent to their appointment, agreeably to the nomination of the President.

Mr. Sparrow, from the Committee on Military Affairs, to whom was referred (on the 9th instant) the nomination of Warren M. Hopkins, to be colonel of cavalry, reported, with the recommendation that said nomination be confirmed.

The Senate proceeded to consider said report; and in concurrence therewith, it was

Resolved, That the Senate do advise and consent to his appointment, agreeably to the nomination of the President.

Mr. Sparrow, from the Committee on Military Affairs, to whom were referred (on the 16th instant) the nominations of E. W. Mumford, to be member of military court, with rank of colonel of cavalry; Nathan Gregg, Waters B. Jones, W. B. Wooldridge, W. C. Clifton, A. M. Nelson, R. O. Reynolds, D. G. Cowand, J. R. Winston, and J. T. Morehead, to be colonels; James A. Rhéa, William H. Hulsey, W. H. H. Cowles, and R. L. Maury, to be lieutenant-colonels; T. C. Beckham, G. M. Norment, L. P. Thomas, Baker P. Lee, J. H. Johnson, M. D. L. McLeod, W. W. Bentley, F. C. Smith, F. H. De Graffenried, and T. B. Graham, to be majors; E. W. Watson, Joseph Clegg, and R. L. McCaughrin, to be adjutants, with rank of first lieutenant; Thomas E. Williams, Benjamin W. Sparks, L. Jackson, Alf. S. Patrick, Benjamin A. Cheek, James T. Cropp, William J. Barry, J. C. Maxwell, T. S. Latimer, R. C. Carlisle, John D. Patton, D. J. Roberts, G. T. Pursley, W. H. Richardson, John P. Wall, William M. Wilson, John L. Vertrees, W. H. Bramblitt, John O. Scott, Jos. J. Murray, D. A. Linthicum, G. W. Carrington, and I. D. Thomson, to be surgeons, reported, with the recommendation that all of said nominations be confirmed.

The Senate proceeded to consider said report; and in concurrence therewith, it was

Resolved, That the Senate do advise and consent to their appointment, agreeably to the nomination of the President.

Mr. Baker, from the Committee on Post-Offices and Post-Roads, to whom were referred (respectively on the 9th and 16th instant) the

nominations of William W. Jones, Charles Aunsbaugh, John M. Springs, W. H. Mann, and A. Sutherland, to be postmasters, reported, with the recommendation that said nominations be confirmed.

The Senate proceeded to consider said report; and in concurrence therewith, it was

Resolved, That the Senate do advise and consent to all of said appointments, agreeably to the nomination of the President.

On motion by Mr. Garland,

The Senate resolved into open legislative session.

FRIDAY, JANUARY 20, 1865.

OPEN SESSION.

On motion by Mr. Maxwell,

Ordered, That John W. Anderson, recording clerk of the Senate, have leave of absence until Saturday, the 20th day of February next [*sic*].

Mr. Hill presented the proceedings of a meeting of the citizens of Pike and Spalding counties, in the State of Georgia, setting forth that they had been deprived of the means of subsistence by the burning of wheat, corn, fodder, oats, and rice by the Confederate troops on their late retreat from Lovejoy's Station, and urging the governor of that State to request the President to allow them to draw the tithe corn and fodder from the Government storehouses in Griffin and Barnesville; which were referred to the Committee on Military Affairs.

Mr. Semmes, from the Committee on Finance, to whom was referred a communication from the Secretary of the Treasury on the subject, reported

A bill (S. 164) to extend the jurisdiction of the State tax collector of Mississippi over eastern Louisiana;

which was read the first and second times and considered as in Committee of the Whole; and no amendment being proposed, it was reported to the Senate:

Ordered, That it be engrossed and read a third time.

The said bill was read the third time.

Resolved, That it pass, and that the title thereof be as aforesaid.

Ordered, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the House of Representatives therein.

Mr. Semmes, from the Committee on Finance, to whom was referred the bill (H. R. 336) to authorize the establishment of an office of deposit in connection with the Treasury, reported it with amendments.

The Senate proceeded, as in Committee of the Whole, to the consideration of the said bill; and the reported amendments having been agreed to, the bill was reported to the Senate and the amendments were concurred in.

Ordered, That the amendments be engrossed and the bill read a third time.

The said bill as amended was read the third time.

Resolved, That it pass with amendments.

Ordered, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the House of Representatives in the amendments.

Mr. Sparrow, from the Committee on Military Affairs, reported A bill (S. 165) to amend the act entitled "An act to organize forces to serve during the war," approved February 17, 1864; which was read the first and second times and considered as in Committee of the Whole; and no amendment being proposed, it was reported to the Senate.

Ordered, That it be engrossed and read a third time.

The said bill was read the third time.

Resolved, That it pass, and that the title thereof be as aforesaid.

Ordered, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the House of Representatives therein.

Mr. Caperton, from the committee, reported that they had examined and found truly enrolled bills and a joint resolution of the following titles:

H. R. 310. An act amendatory of the act entitled "An act to provide for the organization of the Arkansas and Red River Superintendency of Indian affairs, to regulate trade and intercourse with the Indians therein, and to preserve peace on the frontiers," approved April 8, 1862;

S. 161. An act to increase, for a limited period, the salary of the Vice-President; and

S. 23. Joint resolution requesting the President to appoint a day of fasting, humiliation, and prayer, with thanksgiving.

The President having signed the enrolled bills and enrolled joint resolution last reported to have been examined, they were delivered to the Secretary of the Senate and by him forthwith presented to the President of the Confederate States for his approval.

A message from the House of Representatives, by Mr. Dalton:

Mr. President: The House of Representatives have passed bills of the Senate of the following titles:

S. 100. An act to amend the act to provide an invalid corps, approved February 17, 1864; and

S. 165. An act to amend the act entitled "An act to organize forces to serve during the war," approved February 17, 1864, the first named with amendments; in which they request the concurrence of the Senate.

The Speaker of the House of Representatives having signed sundry enrolled bills and an enrolled joint resolution, I am directed to bring them to the Senate for the signature of their President.

The Senate resumed, as in Committee of the Whole, the consideration of the bill (H. R. 273) to authorize the consolidation of companies, battalions, and regiments.

The question being on agreeing to the amendment reported from the Committee on Military Affairs, as amended.

A motion was made by Mr. Graham, to amend the said amendment by striking out, section 5, lines 1, 2, and 3, the words "Hereafter all promotions in companies, battalions, and regiments shall be by selection, in the manner pointed out by the third section of this act, and;" and

On the question to agree thereto,

The yeas were 9 and the nays were 9.

The Senate being equally divided, the Vice-President determined the question in the affirmative.

So the amendment was agreed to.

On motion by Mr. Walker, to amend the amendment by inserting after "That," section 5, line 1, the words "hereafter all vacancies in

the office of second lieutenant shall be filled by selection, in the manner pointed out by the third section of this act; and,"

It was determined in the affirmative.

On motion by Mr. Sparrow, to fill the blank in the second line of the ninth section of the amendment with "fourth,"

It was determined in the affirmative.

On motion by Mr. Vest, to amend the amendment by striking out "and," section 3, line 6, and inserting:

Provided, That the officers so designated for battalions and regiments shall first be recommended by the officer commanding the brigade to which such consolidated battalions or regiments may belong; and the officers for companies shall be recommended by the colonel or other officer commanding the battalion or regiment to which the companies consolidated may belong; and in the event that battalions or regiments belonging to different brigades, or companies belonging to different battalions or regiments, shall be consolidated, then the commanding officers of both the brigades, regiments, or battalions may recommend the officers to be designated, and the general commanding shall select from the officers so recommended,

It was determined in the affirmative.

On motion by Mr. Sparrow, to reconsider the vote on disagreeing to the following amendment proposed to the amendment by Mr. Wigfall, to wit: Strike out "shall," section 1, line 9, and insert "may."

It was determined in the affirmative.

The Senate resumed the consideration of the said amendment; and

On the question to agree thereto,

It was determined in the affirmative.

The reported amendment as amended was then agreed to.

On motion by Mr. Garland, that the further consideration of the bill be postponed until Wednesday next,

On motion by Mr. Henry,

The Senate adjourned.

SATURDAY, JANUARY 21, 1865.

OPEN SESSION.

A message from the House of Representatives, by Mr. Dalton:

Mr. President: The House of Representatives have passed a Senate bill and joint resolution of the following titles:

S. 131. An act to regulate the pay of lieutenants in the Navy commanding batteries on shore; and

S. 21. Joint resolution of thanks to Brig. Gen. Stand Watie, Colonel Gano, and the officers and men under their command.

The Speaker of the House of Representatives having signed an enrolled bill, I am directed to bring it to the Senate for the signature of their President.

Mr. Baker submitted the following resolution; which was considered and agreed to:

Resolved, That the Sergeant-at-Arms be authorized to pay the accounts for postage on all letters and newspapers directed to members of the Senate out of the contingent fund of the Senate.

Mr. Graham submitted the following resolution; which was considered and agreed to:

Resolved, That the Committee on Post-Offices and Post-Roads be instructed to inquire whether any law or regulation, beyond those now established, is necessary to insure the prompt transmission to the postal authorities of the United States of letters or other mail matter addressed to prisoners of war in the hands of the enemy.

Mr. Graham presented resolutions of the legislature of the State of North Carolina in relation to the pay of disabled soldiers; in relation to brigading certain North Carolina regiments, and in relation to the expenses of the State incurred in the execution of the conscription laws; which were severally read.

Ordered, That they be referred to the Committee on Military Affairs and printed.

Mr. Sparrow, from the Committee on Military Affairs, reported

A bill (S. 166) to amend an act entitled "An act to provide and organize a general staff for armies in the field, to serve during the war," approved June 14, 1864; which was read and passed to a second reading.

The Senate resumed, as in Committee of the Whole, the consideration of the bill (H. R. 273) to authorize the consolidation of companies, battalions, and regiments.

The question being on agreeing to the motion submitted by Mr. Garland on yesterday, to postpone the further consideration of the bill until Wednesday next,

Mr. Garland (by leave) withdrew the same; and

On motion by Mr. Garland,

Ordered, That the further consideration of the bill be postponed until Monday next.

The Senate proceeded to consider the amendments of the House of Representatives to the bill (S. 100) to amend the act to provide an invalid corps, approved February 17, 1864; and

On motion by Mr. Burnett,

Ordered, That they be referred to the Committee on Military Affairs.

On motion by Mr. Burnett,

The Senate resolved into secret legislative session.

The doors having been opened,

On motion by Mr. Semmes,

The Senate adjourned.

SECRET SESSION.

A message from the House of Representatives, by Mr. Dalton:

Mr. President: The House of Representatives have passed the bill of the Senate (S. 157) to provide for the appointment of a general in chief of the armies of the Confederate States.

And they have passed the resolution of the Senate in relation to the assignment of Gen. J. E. Johnston to the command of the Army of Tennessee, with an amendment; in which they request the concurrence of the Senate.

The Senate proceeded to consider the amendment of the House of Representatives to the resolution last mentioned; and

Resolved, That they concur therein.

Ordered, That the Secretary inform the House of Representatives thereof.

A message from the House of Representatives, by Mr. Dalton:

Mr. President: The Speaker of the House of Representatives having signed an enrolled bill, I am directed to bring it to the Senate for the signature of their President.

Mr. Semmes, from the Committee on Finance, reported

A joint resolution (S. 24) directing the transfer of certain funds from the Navy Department to the Treasury;

which was read the first and second times and considered as in Committee of the Whole; and no amendment being proposed, it was reported to the Senate.

Ordered, That it be engrossed and read a third time.

The said resolution was read the third time.

Resolved, That it pass, and that the title thereof be as aforesaid.

Ordered, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the House of Representatives therein.

Mr. Caperton, from the committee, reported that they had examined and found truly enrolled

A bill (S. 157) to provide for the appointment of a general in chief of the armies of the Confederate States.

The President pro tempore having signed the enrolled bill last reported to have been examined, it was delivered to the Secretary of the Senate and by him forthwith presented to the President of the Confederate States for his approval.

On motion by Mr. Sparrow,

Ordered, That the injunction of secrecy be removed from the bill (S. 157) to provide for the appointment of a general in chief of the armies of the Confederate States.

On motion by Mr. Burnett,

Ordered, That the injunction of secrecy be removed from the resolution in relation to the assignment of Gen. J. E. Johnston to the command of the Army of Tennessee.

On motion by Mr. Graham,

The Senate resolved into open legislative session.

MONDAY, JANUARY 23, 1865.

OPEN SESSION.

A message from the House of Representatives, by Mr. Dalton:

Mr. President: The House of Representatives have passed a joint resolution (H. R. 21) of thanks to Brig. Gen. John S. Williams and the officers and men under his command for their victory over the enemy at Saltville, Va., on the 2d day of October, 1864; in which they request the concurrence of the Senate.

And they have passed Senate bills of the following titles:

S. 159. An act to secure more effectually the preservation and distribution of the effects of deceased officers and soldiers; and

S. 164. An act to extend the jurisdiction of the State tax collector of Mississippi over eastern Louisiana.

The House of Representatives have agreed to the amendment of the Senate to the amendment of the House to the bill (S. 111) to authorize the President to appoint commissioners for the exchange of prisoners.

And they have agreed to the amendment of the Senate to the resolution providing for the appointment of a joint committee of the two Houses to prepare an address to the people of the Confederate States; and have appointed, as the committee on their part, Messrs. Miles, Rives, Sexton, Anderson, and Moore.

The President laid before the Senate a communication from the Secretary of the Treasury, asking an appropriation for the payment of expenses incurred in carrying election returns of the Army of Tennessee to the State of Arkansas; which was read.

Ordered, That it be referred to the Committee on Finance.

Mr. Garland submitted the following resolution; which was considered and agreed to:

Resolved, That the Committee on the Judiciary be instructed to inquire into the expediency and propriety of creating a new executive department of the Govern-

ment of the Confederate States, to be styled the Home Department; to which shall be intrusted the development, management, and control of the internal resources of the Confederate States.

On motion by Mr. Watson,

Ordered, That the committee on the part of the Senate, under the resolution providing for the appointment of a joint committee to investigate the condition and treatment of prisoners of war held by the Confederate and United States Governments, be appointed by the President; and

Mr. Watson, Mr. Simms, and Mr. Caperton were appointed.

Ordered, That the Secretary inform the House of Representatives thereof.

Mr. Haynes submitted the following resolution; which was considered and agreed to:

Resolved, That the President of the Confederate States be respectfully requested to cause to be furnished, for the information of the Senate, in secret session, statements showing, as far as practicable—

First. The number of commissioned and noncommissioned officers and privates on the muster rolls of the Army now liable to military duty.

Second. The number, rank and file, now present for duty.

Third. The number of officers and privates absent from duty, with and without leave.

Fourth. The number of officers and privates now in the hospitals and absent from duty on sick leave.

Fifth. The number of troops now on detached service, together with a statement in what that service consists.

Sixth. The number of persons, liable to military duty, who have been detailed, and on what necessities and for what objects such details have been made.

Seventh. The number of Confederate prisoners still in the hands of the enemy.

Eighth. The number of officers and privates who have been killed or have died of disease, and the number rendered permanently unfit for service in the field by reason of wounds or sickness.

On motion by Mr. Haynes,

Ordered, That the Committee on the Judiciary be discharged from the further consideration of a resolution inquiring into the expediency of authorizing the pay due to prisoners in the hands of the enemy to be drawn by parties properly empowered to draw the same.

The joint resolution (H. R. 21) this day received from the House of Representatives for concurrence was read the first and second times and referred to the Committee on Military Affairs.

The Senate resumed, as in Committee of the Whole, the consideration of the joint resolution (H. R. 20) construing the act of January 30, 1864, increasing the compensation of certain officers and employees of the Government; and no amendment being proposed, it was reported to the Senate.

On the question,

Shall the resolution be read a third time?

It was determined in the negative.

So the resolution was rejected.

Ordered, That the Secretary inform the House of Representatives thereof.

Mr. Sparrow, from the Committee on Military Affairs, to whom were referred the amendments of the House of Representatives to the bill (S. 100) to amend the act to provide an invalid corps, approved February 17, 1864, reported them without amendment.

The Senate proceeded to consider the amendments of the House of Representatives to the bill (S. 100) last mentioned; and

Resolved, That they concur therein.

Ordered, That the Secretary inform the House of Representatives thereof.

A message from the President of the Confederate States, by Mr. B. N. Harrison, his Secretary:

Mr. President: The President of the Confederate States, on the 16th instant, approved and signed an act (S. 93) to amend an act entitled "An act to provide for the safe custody, printing, publication, and distribution of the laws, and to provide for the appointment of an additional clerk in the Department of Justice," approved August 5, 1861.

On the 19th instant he approved and signed the following acts:

S. 122. An act regulating the compensation of postmasters, special agents, and route agents;

S. 132. An act to regulate the supplies of clothing to midshipmen of the Navy;

S. 141. An act to increase the pay of noncommissioned officers, privates, and musicians of the Marine Corps;

S. 143. An act to authorize the employment of instructors for the acting midshipmen of the Navy, and to regulate their pay; and

S. 145. An act to authorize the appointment of naval constructors in the Provisional Navy, and to fix their pay.

And on the 20th instant he approved and signed the following acts:

S. 89. An act to repeal a part of the twenty-sixth section of an act approved February 15, 1862, entitled "An act to alter and amend an act entitled 'An act for the sequestration of the estates, property, and effects of alien enemies, and for indemnity of citizens of the Confederate States and persons aiding the same in the existing war with the United States,' approved August thirtieth, eighteen hundred and sixty-one;"

S. 149. An act to amend an act entitled "An act to provide for the payment of the interest on the removal and subsistence fund due the Cherokee Indians in North Carolina," approved May 1, 1863; and

S. 161. An act to increase, for a limited period, the salary of the Vice-President.

Ordered, That the Secretary inform the House of Representatives thereof.

Mr. Vest submitted the following motion for consideration:

Ordered, That the vote by which the Senate refused to pass to a third reading the joint resolution (H. R. 20) construing the act of January 30, 1864, increasing the compensation of certain officers and employees of the Government be reconsidered.

Mr. Dortch, from the committee, reported that they had examined and found truly enrolled bills and a joint resolution of the following titles:

S. 112. An act to prescribe the pay and allowances of provost-marshal and clerks of military courts;

S. 128. An act to amend an act entitled "An act for the establishment and organization of the Army of the Confederate States of America," approved March 6, 1861;

S. 131. An act to regulate the pay of lieutenants in the Navy commanding batteries on shore;

S. 165. An act to amend the act entitled "An act to organize forces to serve during the war," approved February 17, 1864; and

S. 21. Joint resolution of thanks to Brig. Gen. Stand Watie, Colonel Gano, and the officers and men under their command.

The President having signed the enrolled bills and enrolled joint resolution last reported to have been examined, they were delivered to the Secretary of the Senate and by him forthwith presented to the President of the Confederate States for his approval.

The Senate resumed, as in Committee of the Whole, the consideration of the bill (H. R. 273) to authorize the consolidation of companies, battalions, and regiments.

On motion by Mr. Baker, the vote on agreeing to the amendment reported from the Committee on Military Affairs, as amended, was reconsidered.

The Senate resumed the consideration of the said reported amendment; and

On motion by Mr. Sparrow, to amend the amendment by inserting after "served," section 4, line 13, the words "or to the State from which the company or regiment to which the said officers belonged may have come,"

It was determined in the affirmative.

A motion having been made by Mr. Sparrow, to reconsider the vote on agreeing to the following amendment proposed to the reported amendment by Mr. Graham, to wit: Strike out, section 5, lines 1, 2, and 3, the words "Hereafter all promotions in companies, battalions, and regiments shall be by selection, in the manner pointed out by the third section of this act; and,"

On the question to agree thereto,

The yeas were 7 and the nays were 7.

The Senate being equally divided,

The Vice-President determined the question in the negative.

So the Senate refused to reconsider the said amendment.

On motion by Mr. Sparrow, to amend the reported amendment by inserting at the end of the eighth section the following proviso:

Provided, That the President be, and he is hereby, authorized to assign any officers thrown out of command by the operation of this act to vacancies in the staff, with the rank held by them in the field,

It was determined in the affirmative.

On motion by Mr. Watson, to reconsider the vote on agreeing to the following amendment proposed to the reported amendment by Mr. Vest, to wit: Strike out the word "and," section 3, line 6, and insert:

Provided, That the officers so designated for battalions and regiments shall first be recommended by the officer commanding the brigade to which such consolidated battalions or regiments may belong; and the officers for companies shall be recommended by the colonel or other officer commanding the battalion or regiment to which the companies consolidated may belong; and in the event that battalions or regiments belonging to different brigades, or companies belonging to different battalions or regiments, shall be consolidated, then the commanding officers of both the brigades, regiments, or battalions may recommend the officers to be designated, and the general commanding shall select from the officers so recommended,

It was determined in the affirmative.

The Senate resumed the consideration of the said amendment; and

On the question to agree thereto,

It was determined in the negative.

On motion by Mr. Maxwell, to amend the reported amendment by inserting the following independent section:

Sec. 10. That when regiments, battalions, or companies shall have been consolidated under the provisions of this act, no subsequent consolidation of the same shall be made, unless by virtue of laws hereafter to be passed,

It was determined in the affirmative.

The reported amendment as amended was then agreed to.

No further amendment being proposed, the bill was reported to the Senate and the amendment was concurred in.

Ordered, That the amendment be engrossed and the bill read a third time.

The said bill as amended was read the third time.

On the question,

Shall the bill now pass?

It was determined in the affirmative, { Yeas ----- 13
Nays ----- 3

On motion by Mr. Vest,

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present,

Those who voted in the affirmative are,

Messrs. Baker, Brown, Burnett, Caperton, Dortch, Graham, Henry, Hunter, Maxwell, Semmes, Simms, Sparrow, and Watson.

Those who voted in the negative are,

Messrs. Haynes, Vest, and Wigfall.

So it was

Resolved, That this bill pass with an amendment.

Ordered, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the House of Representatives in the amendment.

On motion by Mr. Semmes,

Ordered, That the committee on the part of the Senate, under the resolution providing for the appointment of a joint committee of the two Houses to prepare an address to the people of the Confederate States, be appointed by the President; and

Mr. Graham, Mr. Walker, and Mr. Semmes were appointed.

Ordered, That the Secretary inform the House of Representatives thereof.

On motion by Mr. Burnett,

The Senate resolved into secret legislative session.

The doors having been opened,

On motion by Mr. Sparrow,

The Senate adjourned.

SECRET SESSION.

On motion by Mr. Burnett,

Ordered, That the injunction of secrecy be removed from the proceedings of the Senate on the bill (S. 157) to provide for the appointment of a general in chief of the armies of the Confederate States, and on the resolution in relation to the assignment of Gen. J. E. Johnston to the command of the Army of Tennessee.

The following message was received from the President of the Confederate States, by Mr. B. N. Harrison, his Secretary:

RICHMOND, VA., *January 20, 1865.*

To the Senate and House of Representatives:

I herewith transmit for your consideration a communication from the Secretary of the Treasury, covering an estimate for an additional appropriation required for the public service.

JEFFERSON DAVIS.

The message was read.

Ordered, That it be referred to the Committee on Finance.

On motion by Mr. Sparrow.

The Senate resolved into executive session.

EXECUTIVE SESSION.

The following message was received from the President of the Confederate States, by Mr. B. N. Harrison, his Secretary:

1.] RICHMOND, *January 20, 1865.*

To the Senate of the Confederate States:

Agreeably to the recommendation of the Attorney-General, I hereby nominate B. F. Perry, to be judge of the district court of the Confederate States for the district of South Carolina, in place of A. G. Magrath, resigned.

JEFFERSON DAVIS.

DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE, *Richmond, January 16, 1865.*

To the PRESIDENT.

SIR: I have the honor to recommend the nomination to the Senate of B. F. Perry, to be district judge of the Confederate States for the district of South Carolina, in place of A. G. Magrath, resigned.

GEO. DAVIS,
Attorney-General.

The message was read.

Ordered, That it be referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

The following messages were received from the President of the Confederate States, by Mr. B. N. Harrison, his Secretary:

2.] EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT, CONFEDERATE STATES OF AMERICA,
Richmond, January 18, 1865.

To the Senate of the Confederate States:

Agreeably to the recommendation of the Secretary of War, I nominate Brig. Gen. G. W. C. Lee, of Virginia, to be a major-general in the Provisional Army of the Confederate States of America.

JEFFERSON DAVIS.

No. 163.] WAR DEPARTMENT, CONFEDERATE STATES OF AMERICA,
Richmond, January 18, 1865.

SIR: I have the honor to recommend the nomination of Brig. Gen. G. W. C. Lee, of Virginia, to be a major-general in the Provisional Army of the Confederate States of America, report to Gen. R. E. Lee, for assignment to duty, to rank from October 20, 1864.

I am, sir, respectfully, your obedient servant,

JAMES A. SEDDON,
Secretary of War.

To His Excellency JEFFERSON DAVIS,
President, etc.

3.] EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT, CONFEDERATE STATES OF AMERICA,
Richmond, January 18, 1865.

To the Senate of the Confederate States:

Agreeably to the recommendation of the Secretary of War, I nominate the officers on the accompanying list to the grades affixed to their names, respectively.

JEFFERSON DAVIS.

No. 162.] WAR DEPARTMENT, CONFEDERATE STATES OF AMERICA,
Richmond, January 18, 1865.

SIR: I have the honor to recommend the following nominations for appointment in the Provisional Army of the Confederate States of America:

Colonel.

J. R. B. Burtwell, of Alabama, to be colonel of the Eleventh Alabama Cavalry Regiment (formed, by special order, of independent companies) (an original vacancy), to rank from January 14, 1865.

Lieutenant-colonel.

John F. Doan, of Alabama, to be lieutenant-colonel Eleventh Alabama Cavalry Regiment (see remarks under Colonel Burtwell's nomination), to rank from January 15, 1865.

Major.

Melville W. Sale, of Alabama, to be major Eleventh Alabama Cavalry Regiment (see remarks under Colonel Burtwell's nomination), to rank from January 14, 1865.

I am, sir, respectfully, your obedient servant,

JAMES A. SEDDON,
Secretary of War.

To His Excellency JEFFERSON DAVIS,
President, &c.

4.] EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT, CONFEDERATE STATES OF AMERICA,
Richmond, January 19, 1865.

To the Senate of the Confederate States:

Agreeably to the recommendation of the Secretary of War, I nominate John N. Logan, of South Carolina, to be an assistant commissary, with rank of captain in the Provisional Army of the Confederate States of America.

JEFFERSON DAVIS.

No. 161.] WAR DEPARTMENT, CONFEDERATE STATES OF AMERICA,
Richmond, January 18, 1865.

SIR: I have the honor to recommend the nomination of John N. Logan, of South Carolina, to be an assistant commissary, with rank of captain in the Provisional Army of the Confederate States of America, for duty with Hampton Legion (cavalry), to rank from January 13, 1865.

I am, sir, respectfully, your obedient servant,

JAMES A. SEDDON,
Secretary of War.

To His Excellency JEFFERSON DAVIS,
President, &c.

5.] EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT, CONFEDERATE STATES OF AMERICA,
Richmond, January 16, 1865.

To the Senate of the Confederate States:

Agreeably to the recommendation of the Secretary of War, I nominate N. Owings, of Maryland, to be an assistant quartermaster, with the rank of captain in the Provisional Army of the Confederate States of America.

JEFFERSON DAVIS.

No. 154.] WAR DEPARTMENT, CONFEDERATE STATES OF AMERICA,
Richmond, January 13, 1865.

SIR: I have the honor to recommend the nomination of N. Owings, of Maryland, to be an assistant quartermaster, with rank of captain in the Provisional Army of the Confederate States of America, for duty with Second Maryland Battalion Cavalry (an original vacancy), to date from January 6, 1865.

I am, sir, respectfully, your obedient servant,

JAMES A. SEDDON,
Secretary of War.

To His Excellency JEFFERSON DAVIS,
President, &c.

6.] EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT, CONFEDERATE STATES OF AMERICA,
Richmond, January 21, 1865.

To the Senate of the Confederate States:

Agreeably to the recommendation of the Secretary of War, I nominate M. G. Lumpkin, of Georgia, to be major in the Subsistence Department, Provisional Army of the Confederate States of America.

JEFFERSON DAVIS.

No. 164.] WAR DEPARTMENT, CONFEDERATE STATES OF AMERICA,
Richmond, January 21, 1865.

SIR: I have the honor to recommend the nomination of M. G. Lumpkin, of Georgia, to be major in the Subsistence Department, Provisional Army of the Con-

federate States of America, for duty with Young's cavalry brigade, Army of Northern Virginia (an original vacancy), to rank from January 14, 1865.

I am, sir, respectfully, your obedient servant,

JAMES A. SEDDON,
Secretary of War.

To His Excellency JEFFERSON DAVIS,
President, etc.

The messages were read.

Ordered, That they be referred to the Committee on Military Affairs.

On motion by Mr. Sparrow,

The Senate resolved into open legislative session.

TUESDAY, JANUARY 24, 1865.

OPEN SESSION.

A message from the House of Representatives, by Mr. Dalton:

Mr. President: The House of Representatives have passed a bill (H. R. 350) to diminish the number of exemptions and details; in which they request the concurrence of the Senate.

The House of Representatives agree to the first amendment of the Senate to the bill (H. R. 336) to authorize the establishment of an office of deposit in connection with the Treasury, and disagree to the second amendment of the Senate to the said bill.

The President of the Confederate States has notified the House of Representatives that on the 16th instant he approved and signed an act (H. R. 306) to provide commissioned officers of the Army and Navy and Marine Corps with clothing.

And that on the 19th instant he approved and signed an act (H. R. 302) to amend an act approved August 21, 1861, entitled "An act to provide for local defense and special service," and an act approved October 13, 1862, entitled "An act to authorize the formation of volunteer companies for local defense."

And that on the 20th instant he approved and signed an act (H. R. 310) amendatory of the act entitled "An act to provide for the organization of the Arkansas and Red River Superintendency of Indian Affairs, to regulate trade and intercourse with the Indians therein, and to preserve peace on the frontiers," approved April 8, 1862.

Mr. Walker presented a series of resolutions passed by the Montgomery Annual Conference of the Methodist Church South, in relation to the exemption of certain classes of ministers from military service; which were referred to the Committee on Military Affairs.

Mr. Hunter submitted the following resolution; which was considered and agreed to:

Resolved, That the President of the Confederate States of America be requested to furnish the Senate—

First. With information as to the number of white men between the ages of eighteen and forty-five, and of the number of negroes who, in addition to their own officers, may be required for the necessary employments and the proper discharge of the functions of the Departments of Medicine, of the Commissary-General, of the Quartermaster-General, of the Engineers, of the Ordnance, and of the Niter and Mining Bureau;

Second. A like estimate as to the Post-Office and Navy Departments;

Third. A like estimate in regard to the railroad transportation of the country, including not only the working, but the equipment, repairs, and construction in this consideration of the number required for such transportation; and

Fourth. To specify the railroads, if there be any such, whose repairs and construction, in his opinion, will be necessary for military purposes and ought to be effected, in whole or in part, by appropriations from the Confederate Treasury.

On motion by Mr. Baker,

Ordered, That the Committee on Naval Affairs be discharged from the further consideration of the bill (S. 120) to grant commutation and allowances to naval storekeepers.

The Senate resumed, as in Committee of the Whole, the consideration of the bill (H. R. 229) to provide more effectually for the reduction and redemption of the currency; and

On motion by Mr. Semmes,

Ordered, That the bill be transferred to the Secret Legislative Calendar.

The bill (H. R. 350) received this day from the House of Representatives for concurrence was read the first and second times and referred to the Committee on Military Affairs.

On motion by Mr. Semmes,

The Senate resolved into secret legislative session.

The doors having been opened,

The following message was received from the President of the Confederate States, by Mr. B. N. Harrison, his Secretary:

Mr. President: On the 23d instant the President of the Confederate States approved and signed the following acts and joint resolution:

S. 112. An act to prescribe the pay and allowances of provost-marshals and clerks of military courts;

S. 128. An act to amend an act entitled "An act for the establishment and organization of the Army of the Confederate States of America," approved March 6, 1861;

S. 131. An act to regulate the pay of lieutenants in the Navy commanding batteries on shore;

S. 165. An act to amend the act entitled "An act to organize forces to serve during the war," approved February 17, 1864; and

S. 21. Joint resolution of thanks to Brig. Gen. Stand Watie, Colonel Gano, and the officers and men under their command.

Ordered, That the Secretary inform the House of Representatives thereof.

On motion by Mr. Haynes,

The Senate adjourned.

SECRET SESSION.

A message from the House of Representatives, by Mr. Dalton:

Mr. President: The House of Representatives have passed the joint resolution of the Senate (S. 24) directing the transfer of certain funds from the Navy Department to the Treasury.

A message from the President of the Confederate States, by Mr. B. N. Harrison, his Secretary:

Mr. President: On the 23d instant the President of the Confederate States approved and signed an act (S. 157) to provide for the appointment of a general in chief of the armies of the Confederate States.

Ordered, That the Secretary inform the House of Representatives thereof.

The Senate resumed, as in Committee of the Whole, the consideration of the bill (H. R. 229) to provide more effectually for the reduction and redemption of the currency.

On motion by Mr. Semmes, to amend the bill by inserting at the end of the first section the words

which may attach to said notes so as to affect their circulation at par or diminish the promise contained on their face, but the holder of said notes may be subjected to taxation on account thereof to the same extent and in the same manner as he may be taxed for on account of other money,

It was determined in the affirmative.

The reported amendments having been agreed to,

On motion by Mr. Semmes, to amend the bill by inserting after "shall," section 6, line 2, the words "after the war,"

It was determined in the affirmative.

On motion by Mr. Graham, to amend the bill by striking out the words "currency as above provided, shall have been completed," section 8, line 5, and inserting the words "certificates hereby authorized to be issued,"

It was determined in the affirmative.

On motion by Mr. Semmes, to amend the bill by inserting at the end of the eighth section the following proviso:

Provided, That Congress may, at its discretion, from time to time, make such modifications as to the mode of assessment and agency for the collection of said tax as experience may suggest,

It was determined in the affirmative.

On motion by Mr. Semmes, to amend the bill by striking out the words "Treasury notes issued, or authorized to be issued, by an act to reduce the currency, and to authorize a new issue of notes and bonds, approved February seventeenth, eighteen hundred and sixty-four," section 4, lines 4, 5, 6, and 7, and inserting the words "the certificates herein authorized to be issued,"

It was determined in the affirmative.

On motion by Mr. Semmes, to amend the bill by striking out the preamble,

It was determined in the affirmative.

No further amendment being proposed, the bill was reported to the Senate and the amendments were concurred in.

Ordered, That the amendments be engrossed and the bill read a third time.

The said bill as amended was read the third time.

Resolved, That it pass with amendments.

Ordered, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the House of Representatives in the amendments.

Mr. Oldham (by leave) introduced

A bill (S. 167) to organize an executive corps of the Provisional Army of the Confederate States; which was read the first and second times; and

On motion by Mr. Oldham,

Ordered, That it be referred to a select committee of three members, to consider and report thereon.

On motion by Mr. Oldham,

Ordered, That the committee be appointed by the President pro tempore; and

Mr. Oldham, Mr. Johnson of Missouri, and Mr. Hill were appointed.

On motion by Mr. Semmes,

Ordered, That the injunction of secrecy be removed from the bill (H. R. 229) to provide more effectually for the reduction and redemption of the currency, and from the proceedings of the Senate thereon.

On motion by Mr. Graham,

The Senate resolved into open legislative session.

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 25, 1865.

OPEN SESSION.

A message from the House of Representatives, by Mr. Dalton:

Mr. President: The House of Representatives have passed bills and a joint resolution of the following titles, in which they request the concurrence of the Senate:

H. R. 346. An act providing for the discharge of soldiers in certain cases, and their future exemption from military service;

H. R. 348. An act to increase the compensation of marshals, criers, jurors, and witnesses;

H. R. 351. An act to provide for certain claims due the State of North Carolina;

H. R. 352. An act to provide for certain claims due the State of Louisiana; and

H. R. 22. Joint resolution in regard to the Cotton Bureau in the Trans-Mississippi Department.

The following message was received from the President of the Confederate States, by Mr. B. N. Harrison, his Secretary:

To the Senate of the Confederate States of America:

I feel constrained to return to the Senate, without my approval, an act which originated in your honorable body, entitled "An act to increase the number of acting midshipmen in the Navy, and to provide the mode of appointment."

The act provides that the additional acting midshipmen "shall be appointed under the regulations prescribed by the Secretary of the Navy, as follows: One from each Congressional district, upon the recommendation of the Representative in Congress; two at large from each State, upon the recommendation of the Senators thereof, respectively, and ten at large by the President."

The Constitution, in the second article, second section, second clause, after giving to the President power to nominate, and by and with the advice and consent of the Senate to appoint all officers of the Confederate States whose appointments are not otherwise provided for, adds, "but the Congress may, by law, vest the appointment of such inferior officers, as they think proper, in the President alone, in the courts of law, or in the heads of departments."

The framers of the Constitution, in defining the powers of the several departments of the Government, took care to designate the particular class of officers which the two Houses of Congress may fill, and thus excluded the idea of power to make selections for any others.

By the fifth clause of Article I, section 2, the special power is given to the House of Representatives "to choose their Speaker and other officers," the word "their" being applicable not only to the Speaker, but to the "other officers."

In the third section of the same article the Senate is provided with a President not chosen by themselves, to wit, the Vice-President of the Confederate States, and is then vested with power to "choose their other officers."

By the act now before me, however, the two Houses empower their respective members to "choose" officers that are not "their officers" but officers of the Executive Department of the Government.

The language is not susceptible of any other meaning. The acting midshipmen "shall be appointed upon the recommendation" of the Representatives or Senators, as the case may be.

But the Constitution, by granting to Congress no other power over officers created by law than that of vesting the appointment "in the President alone, in the courts of law, or in the heads of departments," thus withholds from that branch of the Government any participation in such appointments.

But it may be remarked that this act gives the power of making the proposed appointments not to Congress as a body, but to the individual members of the two Houses, and that it is thus in conflict with the spirit and intent of the first clause of the sixth section of the first article of the Constitution, which enumerates the privileges accorded to Representatives and Senators individually. These privileges are carefully restricted to such as are necessary to enable them to discharge their duties as legislators.

All other rights, powers, and privileges granted to Congress by the Constitution are conferred on the body collectively, or on one of the two Houses.

The power to make selections for appointment to office is nowhere accorded in that instrument to the Senators and Representatives individually; and it is believed to be an unquestioned principle of constitutional law that no legislation can add to the

power vested by the Constitution in any member of any one of the three departments of Government.

The power of Congress to vest by law the appointment of inferior officers in the President alone, or in the heads of departments, would seem to include a power to restrict, limit, or partially confer the authority, or to divide it between several departments, provided they be those which may constitutionally exercise the function. But if the view of the Constitution which has been presented be correct, it is clear that the Congress can not vest in itself any right to a participation in the selection of officers of any class, save those of the two Houses. The language of the act organizing the Navy is sometimes cited to support the opinion that acting midshipmen are not *officers*, but *employees*.

In the first section of that act the President is authorized to *appoint* certain commissioned officers, and to "*employ* as many masters, midshipmen, engineers, naval constructors, boatswains, gunners, carpenters, sailmakers, and other warrant and petty officers and seamen as he may deem necessary," etc.

If it were conceded that acting midshipmen are not officers, the bill would not on that account be the less liable, in my judgment, to the objections above set forth; for it is as little in accordance with the letter and the spirit of the Constitution for the members of Congress to participate in choosing *employees* as in choosing *officers* for the executive or judicial departments.

It is repugnant to the whole theory of our republican institutions, which are based on the fundamental idea of independent and distinct functions in each of the departments of Government—the Legislative, Executive, and Judicial; and evil consequences must result from any departure from this principle.

But in no just sense can it be maintained that an acting midshipman is not an officer of the Navy. The very clause in the law just referred to implies that he is a "warrant officer;" but if there be doubt as to this, the question is decided by the third section of the act of 21st April, 1862, which declares that "the warrant officers shall be as follows: Twenty passed midshipmen, one hundred and six acting midshipmen," etc.

The commissioned officer is appointed by and with the advice and consent of the Senate; the next grade, the warrant officer, belongs to that class of inferior officers which according to the Constitution may be established by law, and appointed by the President alone, or the head of a department.

The midshipman is of this class. His appointment is authorized by law and his promotion provided for by regulations. He can not be discharged or dismissed from service at the pleasure of his commander, nor without delinquency on his part, as a mere employee for temporary service.

His name is placed in the Navy Register, and the proper record kept of his entry into service, to determine his rank, and in all relations to officers and seamen he is entitled to be, and is, actually treated as an officer of the Navy.

The bill is returned in no spirit of unwillingness to receive the advice and recommendations of members of Congress, which are recognized to be entitled to special consideration, but from a sense of duty to constitutional obligations.

JEFFERSON DAVIS.

JANUARY 23, 1865.

The message was read.

The Senate proceeded to reconsider the bill (S. 142) to increase the number of acting midshipmen in the Navy, and to prescribe the mode of appointment, returned by the President with his objections; which bill is in the following words:

An act to increase the number of acting midshipmen in the Navy, and to prescribe the mode of appointment.

The Congress of the Confederate States of America do enact, That the number of acting midshipmen in the Navy shall be increased to one hundred and forty-two, who shall be appointed under the regulations prescribed by the Secretary of the Navy, as follows: One from each Congressional district, upon the recommendation of the Representative in Congress; two at large from each State, upon the recommendation of the Senators thereof, respectively, and ten at large by the President.

TH. S. BOCKOCK,

Speaker of the House of Representatives.

R. M. T. HUNTER,

President of the Senate pro tempore.

I certify that this act originated in the Senate.

JAMES H. NASH,

Secretary.

SECRET SESSION.

Mr. Caperton, from the select committee appointed by the two Houses to inquire into our present and future means of public defense, submitted a report (No. 6); which was read.

On motion by Mr. Sparrow,

The Senate resolved into executive session.

EXECUTIVE SESSION.

The following messages were received from the President of the Confederate States, by Mr. B. N. Harrison, his Secretary:

1.] EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT, CONFEDERATE STATES OF AMERICA,
Richmond, January 24, 1865.

To the Senate of the Confederate States:

Agreeably to the recommendation of the Secretary of War, I nominate the officers on the accompanying list to the grades affixed to their names, respectively.

JEFFERSON DAVIS.

No. 166.] WAR DEPARTMENT, CONFEDERATE STATES OF AMERICA,
Richmond, January 21, 1865.

SIR: I have the honor to recommend the following nominations for appointment in the Provisional Army of the Confederate States of America:

Adjutants—first lieutenants.

John H. Leete, of Texas, to be adjutant First Texas Regiment, vice Lieutenant Forsyth, retired, to rank from December 12, 1864.

William M. Thomas, of South Carolina, to be adjutant Seventh South Carolina Battalion, vice Lieutenant Nelson, retired, to rank from December 17, 1864.

D. H. Halsey, of Alabama, to be adjutant Eleventh Alabama Cavalry Regiment (an original vacancy), to rank from January 14, 1865.

Whitfield Scott, of Texas, to be adjutant Nineteenth Texas Cavalry Regiment, vice Lieutenant Terrell, deceased, to rank from June 14, 1864.

I am, sir, respectfully, your obedient servant,

JAMES A. SEDDON,
Secretary of War.

To His Excellency JEFFERSON DAVIS,
President, etc.

2.] EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT, CONFEDERATE STATES OF AMERICA,
Richmond, January 24, 1865.

To the Senate of the Confederate States:

Agreeably to the recommendation of the Secretary of War, I nominate Capt. W. W. Barrett, of Texas, to be promoted to major in the Quartermaster's Department, Provisional Army of the Confederate States of America.

JEFFERSON DAVIS.

No. 165.] WAR DEPARTMENT, CONFEDERATE STATES OF AMERICA,
Richmond, January 21, 1865.

SIR: I have the honor to recommend the nomination of Capt. W. W. Barrett, of Texas, to be promoted to major in the Quartermaster's Department, Provisional Army of the Confederate States of America, report for duty to Gen. E. K. Smith, to rank from January 6, 1865.

I am, sir, respectfully, your obedient servant,

JAMES A. SEDDON,
Secretary of War.

To His Excellency JEFFERSON DAVIS,
President, etc.

3.] EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT, CONFEDERATE STATES OF AMERICA,
Richmond, January 24, 1865.

To the Senate of the Confederate States:

Agreeably to the recommendation of the Secretary of War, I nominate the officers on the accompanying list to the grades affixed to their names, respectively.

JEFFERSON DAVIS.

No. 168.] WAR DEPARTMENT, CONFEDERATE STATES OF AMERICA,
Richmond, January 21, 1865.

SIR: I have the honor to recommend the following nominations for appointment in the Provisional Army of the Confederate States of America:

Aids-de-camp—first lieutenants.

William Winston, of Kentucky, to be aid to Brigadier-General Lyon, Department of Western Kentucky (an original vacancy), to rank from June 14, 1864.

C. E. Royston, of Arkansas, to be aid to Brigadier-General Churchill, Trans-Mississippi Department, vice Lieutenant Sevier, appointed captain, assistant adjutant-general, to rank from June 14, 1864.

Robert Brodnax, of Virginia, to be aid to Brigadier-General Waul, Trans-Mississippi Department (an original vacancy), to rank from October 25, 1864.

Charles Haigh, of North Carolina, to be aid to Lieutenant-General Holmes, vice Lieutenant Broadfoot, appointed lieutenant-colonel First Regiment North Carolina Reserves, to rank from December 31, 1864.

I am, sir, respectfully, your obedient servant,

JAMES A. SEDDON,
Secretary of War.

To His Excellency JEFFERSON DAVIS,
President, &c.

4.] EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT, CONFEDERATE STATES OF AMERICA,
Richmond, January 24, 1865.

To the Senate of the Confederate States:

Agreeably to the recommendation of the Secretary of War, I nominate the officers on the accompanying list to the grades affixed to their names, respectively.

JEFFERSON DAVIS.

No. 167.] WAR DEPARTMENT, CONFEDERATE STATES OF AMERICA,
Richmond, January 21, 1865.

SIR: I have the honor to recommend the following nominations for promotion in the Provisional Army of the Confederate States of America:

Colonels.

Lieut. Col. S. W. Davitte, of Georgia, to be colonel First Georgia Cavalry Regiment, vice Colonel Morrison, resigned, to rank from April 15, 1864.

Capt. Thomas F. Toon, of North Carolina, to be colonel Twentieth North Carolina Regiment, vice Colonel Iverson, appointed brigadier-general, Major Brooks, promoted, and Lieutenant-Colonel Brooks, killed, to rank from May 12, 1864.

Lieutenant-colonels.

Capt. George W. Shannon, of Mississippi, to be lieutenant-colonel Eleventh Mississippi Regiment, vice Lieutenant-Colonel Lowry, resigned, and Major Reynolds, promoted, to rank from December 1, 1864.

Capt. C. G. Campbell, of Kentucky, to be lieutenant-colonel Fifth Kentucky Cavalry Regiment, vice Lieutenant-Colonel Thomson, dropped, and Major Brent, killed, to rank from July 4, 1863.

Maj. W. A. Gilliam, of Virginia, to be lieutenant-colonel Sixtieth Virginia Regiment, vice Lieutenant-Colonel Hammond, killed, to rank from May 9, 1864.

Majors.

Capt. S. H. Wilds, of South Carolina, to be major Twenty-first South Carolina Regiment, vice Major Read, retired, to rank from October 10, 1864.

Capt. John W. Rierison, of North Carolina, to be major Fifty-third North Carolina Regiment, vice Major Iredell, killed, to rank from May 10, 1864.

Capt. W. S. Rowan, of Virginia, to be major Sixtieth Virginia Regiment, vice Major Gilliam, promoted, to rank from May 9, 1864.

Capt. J. F. Beall, of North Carolina, to be major Twenty-first North Carolina Regiment, vice Major Pfohl, killed, to rank from October 19, 1864.

I am, sir, respectfully, your obedient servant,

JAMES A. SEDDON,
Secretary of War.

To His Excellency JEFFERSON DAVIS,
President, etc.

5.] EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT, CONFEDERATE STATES OF AMERICA,
Richmond, January 24, 1865.

To the Senate of the Confederate States:

Agreeably to the recommendation of the Secretary of War, I nominate Capt. Isaac Shelby, of Kentucky, to be promoted to major in the Subsistence Department, Provisional Army of the Confederate States of America.

JEFFERSON DAVIS.

No. 159.] WAR DEPARTMENT, CONFEDERATE STATES OF AMERICA,
Richmond, January 17, 1865.

SIR: I have the honor to recommend the nomination of Capt. Isaac Shelby, of Kentucky, to be promoted to major in the Subsistence Department, Provisional Army of the Confederate States of America, for duty in Department of Western Virginia and East Tennessee, to rank from January 14, 1865.

I am, sir, respectfully, your obedient servant,

JAMES A. SEDDON,
Secretary of War.

To His Excellency JEFFERSON DAVIS,
President, etc.

6.] EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT, CONFEDERATE STATES OF AMERICA,
Richmond, January 24, 1865.

To the Senate of the Confederate States:

Agreeably to the recommendation of the Secretary of War, I nominate Col. G. G. Dibrell, of Tennessee, to be a brigadier-general in the Provisional Army of the Confederate States of America.

JEFFERSON DAVIS.

No. 170.] WAR DEPARTMENT, CONFEDERATE STATES OF AMERICA,
Richmond, January 24, 1865.

SIR: I have the honor to recommend the nomination of Col. G. G. Dibrell, of Tennessee, to be a brigadier-general in the Provisional Army of the Confederate States of America, to command a new cavalry brigade, Army of Tennessee, to rank from July 26, 1864.

I am, sir, respectfully, your obedient servant,

JAMES A. SEDDON,
Secretary of War.

To His Excellency JEFFERSON DAVIS,
President, etc.

7.] EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT, CONFEDERATE STATES OF AMERICA,
Richmond, January 24, 1865.

To the Senate of the Confederate States:

Agreeably to the recommendation of the Secretary of War, I nominate W. M. Inge, of Mississippi, to be colonel Tenth Mississippi Cavalry Regiment, in the Provisional Army of the Confederate States of America.

JEFFERSON DAVIS.

No. 160.] WAR DEPARTMENT, CONFEDERATE STATES OF AMERICA,
Richmond, January 17, 1865.

SIR: I have the honor to recommend the nomination of W. M. Inge, of Mississippi, to be colonel Tenth Mississippi Cavalry Regiment, in the Provisional Army of the Confederate States of America (the regiment formed, by special order, of unattached companies), to rank from January 17, 1865.

I am, sir, respectfully, your obedient servant,

JAMES A. SEDDON,
Secretary of War.

To His Excellency JEFFERSON DAVIS,
President, etc.

S.] EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT, CONFEDERATE STATES OF AMERICA,
Richmond, January 24, 1865.

To the Senate of the Confederate States:

Agreeably to the recommendation of the Secretary of War, I nominate Capt. C. W. Grandy, jr., of Virginia, to be promoted to major in the Quartermaster's Department, Provisional Army of the Confederate States of America.

JEFFERSON DAVIS.

No. 169.] WAR DEPARTMENT, CONFEDERATE STATES OF AMERICA,
Richmond, January 24, 1865.

SIR: I have the honor to recommend the nomination of Capt. C. W. Grandy, jr., of Virginia, to be promoted to major in the Quartermaster's Department, Provisional Army of the Confederate States of America, for duty with Kirkland's brigade, Army of Northern Virginia, to rank from January 19, 1865.

I am, sir, respectfully, your obedient servant,

JAMES A. SEDDON,
Secretary of War.

To His Excellency JEFFERSON DAVIS,
President, &c.

The messages were severally read.

Ordered, That they be referred to the Committee on Military Affairs.

On motion by Mr. Sparrow,

The Senate resolved into open legislative session.

THURSDAY, JANUARY 26, 1865.

OPEN SESSION.

A message from the House of Representatives, by Mr. Dalton:

Mr. President: The House of Representatives have passed the bill of the Senate (S. 134) to increase the maximum rates of compensation allowed to railroad companies for the transportation of the mails of the Confederate States.

The Speaker of the House of Representatives having signed sundry enrolled bills, I am directed to bring them to the Senate for the signature of their President.

The President laid before the Senate a communication from J. N. Bethune, of the State of Georgia, in relation to the finances; which was referred to the Committee on Finance.

The President laid before the Senate a communication from the Secretary of the Treasury, asking an appropriation of one million of dollars for the exchange or redemption of mutilated Treasury notes of the new issue; which was read.

Ordered, That it be referred to the Committee on Finance.

The President laid before the Senate the annual report of the Commissioner of Patents; which was referred to the Committee on Patents.

Mr. Caperton presented a series of resolutions passed at a meeting of the Fourteenth Regiment of Virginia Infantry, in relation to the condition of the country and the conduct of the war; which were read.

Ordered, That they lie upon the table and be printed.

Mr. Hill presented a communication addressed to the members of Congress from the State of Georgia by the adjutants of certain regiments and battalions from that State, in relation to their rank and pay; which were referred to the Committee on Military Affairs.

Mr. Sparrow, from the Committee on Military Affairs, to whom was referred the joint resolution (H. R. 21) of thanks to Brig. Gen. John S. Williams and the officers and men under his command for their victory over the enemy at Saltville, Va., on the 2d day of October, 1864, reported it without amendment.

The Senate proceeded, as in Committee of the Whole, to the consideration of the bill (S. 120) to grant commutation and allowances to naval storekeepers.

On motion by Mr. Maxwell, to amend the bill by striking out all after the enacting clause and inserting:

That the compensation allowed to naval storekeepers shall be increased to three thousand five hundred dollars for one year from the passage of this act,

It was determined in the affirmative.

No further amendment being proposed, the bill was reported to the Senate and the amendment was concurred in.

Ordered, That the bill be engrossed and read a third time.

The said bill was read the third time and the title was amended.

Resolved, That it pass, and that the title thereof be "An act to increase the compensation of naval storekeepers for a limited period."

Ordered, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the House of Representatives therein.

The Senate resumed, as in Committee of the Whole, the consideration of the bill (H. R. 242) to provide for sequestrating the property of persons liable to military service who have departed, or shall depart, from the Confederate States without permission; and

On motion by Mr. Walker,

Ordered, That the further consideration thereof be postponed until Monday next.

The bill (S. 163) to authorize the appointment of additional officers in the Engineer Corps was read the second time and considered as in Committee of the Whole; and no amendment being proposed, it was reported to the Senate.

Ordered, That it be engrossed and read a third time.

The said bill was read the third time.

Resolved, That it pass, and that the title thereof be as aforesaid.

Ordered, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the House of Representatives therein.

The bill (S. 166) to amend an act entitled "An act to provide and organize a general staff for armies in the field, to serve during the war," approved June 14, 1864, was read the second time and considered as in Committee of the Whole.

On motion by Mr. Wigfall, that the bill be recommitted to the Committee on Military Affairs,

It was determined in the negative.

The bill having been amended on the motion of Mr. Semmes, it was reported to the Senate, and the amendment was concurred in.

Ordered, That the bill be engrossed and read a third time.

The said bill was read the third time.

Resolved, That it pass, and that the title thereof be as aforesaid.

Ordered, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the House of Representatives therein.

Mr. Burnett, from the Committee on Military Affairs, reported

A bill (S. 169) to abolish the office of certain quartermasters and commissaries, and to provide for the appointment of bonded agents in said departments;

which was read and passed to a second reading.

Ordered, That it be printed.

The bill (S. 168) to authorize the appointment of a commissary-general, with the rank of a brigadier-general, was read the second

time and considered as in Committee of the Whole; and no amendment being proposed, it was reported to the Senate.

Ordered, That it be engrossed and read a third time.

The said bill was read the third time.

Resolved, That it pass, and that the title thereof be as aforesaid.

Ordered, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the House of Representatives therein.

The following message was received from the President of the Confederate States, by Mr. B. N. Harrison, his Secretary:

To the Senate of the Confederate States of America:

I return to your honorable body, without my approval, an act which originated in the Senate, entitled "An act to authorize newspapers to be mailed to soldiers free of postage."

The act provides "that all newspapers directed to any officer, musician, or private engaged in the actual service of the Confederate States may be transmitted through the mails free of postage."

The Constitution, Article I, section 8, clause 7, gives power to Congress "To establish post-offices and post-roads; but the expenses of the Post-Office Department, after the first day of March, in the year of our Lord eighteen hundred and sixty-three, shall be paid out of its own revenues."

This provision that the Post-Office Department shall be self-sustaining was not contained in the Constitution of our former Government. It is important that its spirit and object should be correctly determined now, because many members of the present Congress were also members of the Provisional Congress which adopted this new clause, and legislation by them will be deemed hereafter to possess peculiar value as a precedent, and as a contemporaneous interpretation of the Constitution by those best acquainted with its meaning.

It was generally understood that the clause under consideration was intended by its framers to correct what were deemed to be two great vices that had been developed in the postal system of the United States. The first was the injustice of taxing the whole people for the expense of the mail facilities afforded to individuals, and the remedy devised was to limit the Government to the furnishing of the machinery for carrying the mails, and compelling those who might use the facilities thus furnished to pay the expense thereof.

The second evil against which this clause was intended as a safeguard was the wasteful extravagance which grew out of the franking privilege with its attendant abuses of large contracts for stationery, printing, binding, etc., and increased Government patronage with its train of corrupting influences.

With this knowledge of the purpose of the framers of the Constitution, and of the evils against which they intended to provide by the clause under consideration, I can not escape the conclusion that to authorize the transmission of any mail matter free of postage is to violate the true intent and meaning of the Constitution.

If the act now before me should become a law the Postmaster-General would be bound to pay railroads and other carriers for conveying newspapers to the armies without reimbursement from any source whatever. He could not be repaid out of the general Treasury without a violation of the letter of the Constitution; nor out of the other revenues of his Department without in effect imposing on those who pay for carrying their own correspondence an additional charge to defray the cost of conveying newspapers for others.

If it be competent for Congress under this clause to order newspapers to be carried free of postage, the power exists to order free transmission of any other mail matter. But we must ever remember that Congress can exercise no implied powers, certainly none not necessary to carry into effect the powers expressly granted; and where shall we find in the Constitution any power in the Confederate Government, express or implied, for dividing either the people or the public servants into classes unequally burthened with postal charges?

In that part of the Constitution which specially treats of the burthen of taxation, every precaution has been taken to secure uniformity and to guard against bounties or preferences of any kind, and although not directly applicable to the subject of postage, the spirit of the whole provision is so opposed to inequality in legislation that the passage may well serve for illustration. The first clause of Article I, section 8, gives to Congress power "To lay and collect taxes, duties, imposts, and excises, for revenue necessary to pay the debts, provide for the common defense, and carry on the Government of the Confederate States; but no bounties shall be granted from

the Treasury; nor shall any duties or taxes on importations from foreign nations be laid to promote or foster any branch of industry; and all duties, imposts, and excises shall be uniform throughout the Confederate States."

It is true that the payment of postage is not properly a tax, but compensation for service rendered; yet it would scarcely be ingenuous to deny that so to regulate the rates of postage as to produce an excess of receipts over the expenses of carrying mail matter for one class, and to use this excess in order to carry free of cost the mail matter of another class, would strongly conflict with the just equality of privileges and burthens which the above-cited clauses were designed to secure.

I regret to be compelled to object to a measure devised by Congress for the benefit or relief of the Army; but, with my convictions on the subject, it is not possible to approve the act now before me.

JEFFERSON DAVIS.

RICHMOND, VA., *January 25, 1865.*

The message was read.

The Senate proceeded to reconsider the bill (S. 130) returned by the President with his objections; which bill is in the following words:

An act to authorize newspapers to be mailed to soldiers free of postage.

The Congress of the Confederate States of America do enact, That all newspapers directed to any officer, musician, or private engaged in the actual service of the Confederate States may be transmitted through the mails free of postage: Provided, That in all such cases the address shall contain a description of the party to whom such newspapers shall be sent, stating his military title, if an officer, or the company and regiment to which he belongs, if a musician or private: And provided also, That this act shall not be construed to extend to newspapers transmitted by carriers or express companies, or received through them.

TH. S. BOCK, *Speaker of the House of Representatives.*

R. M. T. HUNTER, *President of the Senate pro tempore.*

I certify that this act originated in the Senate.

JAMES H. NASH, *Secretary.*

On motion by Mr. Semmes,

Ordered, That the further consideration of the bill be postponed to and made the special order of the day for Saturday next, at half past 12 o'clock.

On motion by Mr. Semmes,

The Senate resolved into secret legislative session.

The doors having been opened,

On motion by Mr. Garland,

The Senate adjourned.

SECRET SESSION.

A message from the House of Representatives, by Mr. Dalton:

Mr. President: The House of Representatives have passed a bill (H. R. 357) making an appropriation for the redemption of one-fortieth of the three million pounds foreign loan, due March 1, 1864; in which they request the concurrence of the Senate.

The bill (H. R. 357) last mentioned was read the first and second times and referred to the Committee on Finance.

On motion by Mr. Garland,

The Senate resolved into open legislative session.

FRIDAY, JANUARY 27, 1865.

OPEN SESSION.

The Senate proceeded, as in Committee of the Whole, to the consideration of the joint resolution (H. R. 21) of thanks to Brig. Gen. John S. Williams and the officers and men under his command for their victory over the enemy at Saltville, Va., on the 2d day of October, 1864; and no amendment being proposed, it was reported to the Senate.

Ordered, That it pass to a third reading.

The said resolution was read the third time.

Resolved, That it pass.

Ordered, That the Secretary inform the House of Representatives thereof.

A message from the House of Representatives, by Mr. Dalton:

Mr. President: The House of Representatives have passed the bill of the Senate (S. 153) appropriating, for the use of the Post-Office Department, certain moneys deposited by postmasters with the depositaries of the Government created under the act approved February 17, 1864.

The House of Representatives having proceeded, in pursuance of the Constitution, to reconsider the bill (S. 142) entitled "An act to increase the number of acting midshipmen in the Navy, and to prescribe the mode of appointment," returned to the Senate by the President of the Confederate States with his objections, and sent by the Senate to the House of Representatives, with the message of the President returning the bill.

Resolved, That the bill do not pass, two-thirds of the House of Representatives not agreeing to pass the same.

The Senate proceeded, as in Committee of the Whole, to the consideration of the bill (H. R. 304) to increase the efficiency of the cavalry of the Confederate States; and the bill having been amended, on the motion of Mr. Sparrow, from the Committee on Military Affairs, it was reported to the Senate and the amendment was concurred in.

Ordered, That the amendment be engrossed and the bill read a third time.

The said bill as amended was read the third time.

On the question,

Shall the bill now pass?

It was determined in the affirmative,	{ Yeas.....	13
	{ Nays.....	6

On motion by Mr. Simms,

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present, Those who voted in the affirmative are,

Messrs. Brown, Burnett, Dortch, Garland, Haynes, Henry, Johnson of Missouri, Maxwell, Oldham, Semmes, Sparrow, Watson, and Wigfall.

Those who voted in the negative are,

Messrs. Baker, Caperton, Graham, Simms, Vest, and Walker.

So it was

Resolved, That this bill pass with an amendment.

Ordered, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the House of Representatives in the amendment.

Mr. Maxwell presented memorials of the officers of Finegan's, Weisiger's, Harris', and Forney's brigades, praying the passage of the bill (H. R. 305) to grant free transportation to officers, noncommis-

sioned officers, and privates of the Army traveling on leave of indulgence; which were referred to the Committee on Military Affairs.

Mr. Brown (by leave) introduced

A bill (S. 170) to increase the number of acting midshipmen in the Navy, and to prescribe the mode of appointment; which was read the first and second times and considered as in Committee of the Whole; and no amendment being proposed, it was reported to the Senate.

Ordered, That it be engrossed and read a third time.

The said bill was read the third time.

Resolved, That it pass, and that the title thereof be as aforesaid.

Ordered, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the House of Representatives therein.

Mr. Wigfall submitted the following resolution; which was considered and agreed to:

Resolved, That the Committee on the Judiciary be instructed to inquire into the expediency of reporting a bill repealing all laws authorizing impressment of property for the use of the Army except by military officers in case of absolute military necessity, and providing for the immediate ascertainment of the precise amount of all property in the possession of private individuals which can be used, directly or indirectly, for the support of our armies, and for the pro rata appropriation of such portion of the same as may be necessary to the public use, on paying market prices.

Mr. Semmes, from the Committee on Finance, to whom was referred the bill (H. R. 351) to provide for certain claims due the State of North Carolina, reported it without amendment.

The Senate proceeded, as in Committee of the Whole, to the consideration of the said bill; and no amendment being proposed, it was reported to the Senate.

Ordered, That it pass to a third reading.

The said bill was read the third time.

On the question,

Shall the bill now pass?

It was determined in the affirmative,	} Yeas-----	20

The vote having been taken by yeas and nays, as required by the ninth section of the first article of the Constitution,

Those who voted in the affirmative are,

Messrs. Baker, Brown, Burnett, Caperton, Dortch, Garland, Graham, Haynes, Henry, Hill, Hunter, Johnson of Missouri, Maxwell, Oldham, Semmes, Sparrow, Vest, Walker, Watson, and Wigfall.

So it was

Resolved, That this bill pass, two-thirds of the Senate voting therefor.

Ordered, That the Secretary inform the House of Representatives thereof.

Mr. Semmes, from the Committee on Finance, to whom was referred the bill (H. R. 352) to provide for certain claims due the State of Louisiana, reported it without amendment.

The Senate proceeded, as in Committee of the Whole, to the consideration of the said bill; and no amendment being made, it was reported to the Senate.

Ordered, That it pass to a third reading.

The said bill was read the third time.

On the question,

Shall the bill now pass?

It was determined in the affirmative, } Yeas----- 20
 } Nays----- 0

The vote having been taken by yeas and nays, as required by the ninth section of the first article of the Constitution,

Those who voted in the affirmative are,

Messrs. Baker, Brown, Burnett, Caperton, Dortch, Garland, Graham, Haynes, Henry, Hill, Hunter, Johnson of Missouri, Maxwell, Oldham, Semmes, Sparrow, Vest, Walker, Watson, and Wigfall.

So it was

Resolved, That this bill pass, two-thirds of the Senate voting therefor.

Ordered, That the Secretary inform the House of Representatives thereof.

Mr. Caperton presented a resolution of the general assembly of the State of Virginia in relation to the exemption from taxation of certain property by the Confederate Government; which was read.

Ordered, That it be referred to the Committee on Finance and printed.

On motion by Mr. Watson,

The Senate resolved into executive session.

The doors having been opened,

On motion by Mr. Burnett,

Ordered, That the Committee on Claims be discharged from the further consideration of the petition of L. J. Messervy.

Mr. Caperton, from the committee, reported that they had examined and found truly enrolled bills of the following titles:

S. 100. An act to amend the act to provide an invalid corps, approved February 17, 1864;

S. 111. An act to authorize the President to appoint commissioners for the exchange of prisoners;

S. 159. An act to secure more effectually the preservation and distribution of the effects of deceased officers and soldiers;

S. 164. An act to extend the jurisdiction of the State tax collector of Mississippi over eastern Louisiana; and

H. R. 308. An act to provide more effectually for carrying out certain stipulations in the treaty made with the Cherokee Nation of Indians.

The President pro tempore having signed the enrolled bills last reported to have been examined, they were delivered to the Secretary of the Senate and by him forthwith presented to the President of the Confederate States for his approval.

On motion by Mr. Garland,

The Senate adjourned.

SECRET SESSION.

A message from the House of Representatives, by Mr. Dalton:

Mr. President: The Speaker of the House of Representatives having signed an enrolled joint resolution, I am directed to bring it to the Senate for the signature of their President.

Mr. Caperton, from the committee, reported that they had examined and found truly enrolled

A joint resolution (S. 24) directing the transfer of certain funds from the Navy Department to the Treasury.

The President pro tempore having signed the enrolled joint resolution last reported to have been examined, it was delivered to the Sec-

retary of the Senate and by him forthwith presented to the President of the Confederate States for his approval.

Mr. Semmes, from the Committee on Finance, to whom was referred the bill (H. R. 357) making an appropriation for the redemption of one-fortieth of the three million pounds foreign loan, due March 1, 1864, reported it without amendment.

The Senate proceeded, as in Committee of the Whole, to the consideration of the said bill; and no amendment being proposed, it was reported to the Senate.

Ordered, That it pass to a third reading.

The said bill was read the third time.

Resolved, That it pass.

Ordered, That the Secretary inform the House of Representatives thereof.

Mr. Watson, from the joint select committee appointed to investigate the condition and treatment of prisoners of war held by the Confederate and United States Governments, reported a joint resolution (S. 25) to amend a joint resolution entitled "Joint resolution on the subject of retaliation," approved May 1, 1863; which was read and passed to a second reading.

On motion by Mr. Garland,

The Senate resolved into open legislative session.

EXECUTIVE SESSION.

Mr. Haynes, from the Committee on the Judiciary, to whom was referred (on the 23d instant) the nomination of B. F. Perry, to be district judge of the Confederate States for the district of South Carolina, reported, with the recommendation that said nomination be confirmed.

The Senate proceeded to consider said report; and in concurrence therewith, it was

Resolved, That the Senate do advise and consent to his appointment, agreeably to the nomination of the President.

On motion by Mr. Watson,

The Senate resolved into secret legislative session.

SATURDAY, JANUARY 28, 1865.

OPEN SESSION.

A message from the House of Representatives, by Mr. Dalton:

Mr. President: The House of Representatives have passed a joint resolution (H. R. 23) for the relief of the Virginia Mechanics' Institute; in which they request the concurrence of the Senate.

The Speaker of the House of Representatives having signed an enrolled bill, I am directed to bring it to the Senate for the signature of their President.

Mr. Baker submitted the following resolution for consideration:

Resolved (the House of Representatives concurring), That the President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of Representatives adjourn their respective houses, sine die, on Monday, the twentieth day of February next, at twelve o'clock meridian.

Mr. Wigfall (by leave) introduced

A bill (S. 171) to provide that certain evidences of debt shall be receivable in payment of taxes;

which was read the first and second times and referred to the Committee on Finance.

Mr. Semmes (by leave) introduced

A bill (S. 172) to extend an act entitled "An act to graduate the pay of general officers," approved June 10, 1864; which was read the first and second times and considered as in Committee of the Whole; and no amendment being proposed, it was reported to the Senate.

Ordered, That it be engrossed and read a third time.

The said bill was read the third time.

Resolved, That it pass, and that the title thereof be as aforesaid.

Ordered, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the House of Representatives therein.

Mr. Semmes presented the memorial of G. G. Steever, agent of the Bank of Louisiana, praying the restoration of coin seized, under such restrictions as Congress may impose; which was referred to the Committee on Finance.

Mr. Simms presented the memorial of Capt. C. S. Hart, chief quartermaster of Lomax's cavalry division, praying to be relieved from the payment of certain funds of the Government stolen from him on the 30th day of October, 1864; which was referred to the Committee on Claims.

The joint resolution (H. R. 23) received this day from the House of Representatives for concurrence was read the first and second times and referred to the Committee on Claims.

The Senate resumed the reconsideration of the bill (S. 130) to authorize newspapers to be mailed to soldiers free of postage, returned by the President with his objections; and

On the question,

Shall this bill pass, the objections of the President to the contrary notwithstanding?

It was determined in the affirmative,	Yea	-----	13
	Nay	-----	4

The vote having been taken by yeas and nays, as required by the Constitution,

Those who voted in the affirmative are,

Messrs. Baker, Caperton, Garland, Graham, Haynes, Henry, Maxwell, Oldham, Semmes, Simms, Walker, Watson, and Wigfall.

Those who voted in the negative are,

Messrs. Brown, Burnett, Dortch, and Sparrow.

So it was

Resolved, That this bill pass, two-thirds of the Senators present voting therefor.

On motion by Mr. Baker,

Ordered, That the Secretary communicate the said bill, the message of the President returning the same to the Senate with his objections, and the proceedings of the Senate thereon, to the House of Representatives.

On motion by Mr. Watson,

The Senate resolved into secret legislative session.

The doors having been opened,

On motion by Mr. Haynes,

The Senate adjourned.

SECRET SESSION.

The joint resolution (S. 25) to amend a joint resolution entitled "Joint resolution on the subject of retaliation," approved May 1, 1863, was read the second time and considered as in Committee of the Whole; and no amendment being proposed, it was reported to the Senate.

Ordered, That it be engrossed and read a third time.

The said resolution was read the third time.

On the question,

Shall the resolution now pass?

It was determined in the affirmative,	{ Yeas	11
	{ Nays	6

On motion by Mr. Wigfall,

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present, These who voted in the affirmative are,

Messrs. Baker, Burnett, Caperton, Graham, Haynes, Maxwell, Semmes, Simms, Sparrow, Walker, and Watson.

Those who voted in the negative are,

Messrs. Garland, Henry, Johnson of Missouri, Oldham, Vest, and Wigfall.

So it was

Resolved, That this resolution pass, and that the title thereof be as aforesaid.

Ordered, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the House of Representatives therein.

On motion by Mr. Sparrow,

The Senate resolved into executive session.

EXECUTIVE SESSION.

Mr. Sparrow, from the Committee on Military Affairs, to whom were referred (on the 30th November last) the nominations of John A. Bowie, to be major in the Commissary Department, and Robert Berry, to be assistant commissary, with the rank of captain, reported, with the recommendation that said nominations be confirmed.

The Senate proceeded to consider said report; and in concurrence therewith, it was

Resolved, That the Senate do advise and consent to their appointment, agreeably to the nomination of the President.

Mr. Sparrow, from the Committee on Military Affairs, to whom were referred (on the 14th ultimo) the nominations of W. G. Williamson, to be captain, and R. H. Griffin and D. S. Hessey, to be first lieutenants of engineer troops, reported, with the recommendation that all of said nominations be confirmed.

The Senate proceeded to consider said report; and in concurrence therewith, it was

Resolved, That the Senate do advise and consent to their appointment, agreeably to the nomination of the President.

Mr. Sparrow, from the Committee on Military Affairs, to whom were referred (on the 29th ultimo) the nominations of P. M. B. Young, to be major-general, with temporary rank; John J. Clarke, to be colonel; S. R. Johnston, to be lieutenant-colonel; E. T. D. Myers, John McCrady, A. H. Campbell, and John Johnson, to be majors; and E. E.

Mason, O. Heinrichs, J. F. Lanneau, J. H. Toomer, and J. W. Glenn, to be captains of Engineer Corps; J. P. W. Read, to be lieutenant-colonel of artillery; and A. Meade Smith, to be major in the Subsistence Department, reported, with the recommendation that all of said nominations be confirmed.

The Senate proceeded to consider said report; and in concurrence therewith, it was

Resolved, That the Senate do advise and consent to their appointment, agreeably to the nomination of the President.

Mr. Sparrow, from the Committee on Military Affairs, to whom were referred (on the 3d instant) the nominations of James L. Corley, to be major in the Quartermaster-General's Department, Army of the Confederate States, and W. J. Armstrong, to be major in the Subsistence Department, Provisional Army of the Confederate States, reported, with the recommendation that said nominations be confirmed.

The Senate proceeded to consider said report; and in concurrence therewith, it was

Resolved, That the Senate do advise and consent to their appointment, agreeably to the nomination of the President.

Mr. Sparrow, from the Committee on Military Affairs, to whom were referred (on the 9th instant) the nominations of W. H. Mauldin, S. M. H. Byrd, C. B. Gwathmey, F. P. Turner, J. B. Hill, H. T. Masingale, Richard Orme, Y. S. Patton, E. H. Janney, J. G. Blount, Benjamin E. Crane, S. M. Finger, W. C. Scott, and J. I. Middleton, to be majors in the Quartermaster's Department, and John L. McKinney, James Hancock, L. Doizé, and James A. Stansbury, to be captains and assistant commissaries, reported, with the recommendation that all of said nominations be confirmed.

The Senate proceeded to consider said report; and in concurrence therewith, it was

Resolved, That the Senate do advise and consent to their appointment, agreeably to the nomination of the President.

Mr. Sparrow, from the Committee on Military Affairs, to whom were referred (on the 13th instant) the nominations of James H. Whitner, to be captain, and Moses Hough, to be second lieutenant (for distinguished valor and skill), reported, with the recommendation that said nominations be confirmed.

The Senate proceeded to consider said report; and in concurrence therewith, it was

Resolved, That the Senate do advise and consent to their appointment, agreeably to the nomination of the President.

Mr. Sparrow, from the Committee on Military Affairs, to whom were referred (on the 16th instant) the nominations of J. L. Brent, to be colonel of artillery; I. W. Avery, to be colonel; William L. Cook, to be lieutenant-colonel, and D. J. Owen, to be major of cavalry; C. S. Hart, to be major in the Quartermaster's Department; Walter Weir, to be assistant adjutant-general, with rank of captain; Henry B. Haynie, Benjamin F. Ward, Edward Miller, and Joseph W. Aken, to be surgeons; and Peter F. Scott, William V. Croxton, Thomas Wells, Alex. Tinsley, John Ligon, William S. Easley, Robert P. Myers, Robert D. Porter, Thomas W. Flagg, John P. Talbott, Charles F. Butler, John A. Hamilton, Robert L. Knox, P. Willson, William P. Brewer, Jacob W. Summers, William J. Reeves, Alfred S. James, James A. Fogle, Thomas S. Latitte, William H. Ford, Richard F.

Sams, Jos. M. Dulin, William S. Stevens, William Alston, John J. Goodwyn, C. R. Smith, John W. Colson, John M. Weekly, John P. Peterson, Henry S. Orme, M. B. Johnson, E. L. Tillinghast, A. J. Burroughs, Thomas McCoy, A. E. McGarity, William W. Murray, William W. Fraser, P. H. E. Sloan, Charles Davant, E. M. Martin, William H. Mitchell, Robert W. Foster, and M. J. Nicholson, to be assistant surgeons, reported, with the recommendation that all of said nominations be confirmed.

The Senate proceeded to consider said report; and in concurrence therewith, it was

Resolved, That the Senate do advise and consent to their appointment, agreeably to the nomination of the President.

Mr. Sparrow, from the Committee on Military Affairs, to whom were referred (on the 23d instant) the nominations of M. G. Lumpkin, to be major in the Subsistence Department; John N. Logan, to be assistant commissary, with rank of captain; and N. Owings, to be assistant quartermaster, with rank of captain, reported, with the recommendation that all of said nominations be confirmed.

The Senate proceeded to consider said report; and in concurrence therewith, it was

Resolved, That the Senate do advise and consent to their appointment, agreeably to the nomination of the President.

Mr. Sparrow, from the Committee on Military Affairs, to whom were referred (on the 25th instant) the nominations of G. G. Dibrell, to be a brigadier-general; S. W. Davitte and Thomas F. Toon, to be colonels; George W. Shannon, C. G. Campbell, and W. A. Gilliam, to be lieutenant-colonels, and S. H. Wilds, John W. Rierson, W. S. Rowan, and J. E. Beall, to be majors, reported, with the recommendation that all of said nominations be confirmed.

The Senate proceeded to consider said report; and in concurrence therewith, it was

Resolved, That the Senate do advise and consent to their appointment, agreeably to the nomination of the President.

On motion by Mr. Sparrow,

The Senate resolved into open legislative session.

MONDAY, JANUARY 30, 1865.

OPEN SESSION.

The President and President pro tempore of the Senate both being absent,

Mr. Graham stated that he had received a message from the Vice-President requesting him to preside over the deliberations of the Senate to-day;

Whereupon,

Mr. Graham, by unanimous consent, took the chair.

Mr. Caperton, the forty-eighth rule of the Senate having been suspended therefor, submitted the following resolution; which was considered and agreed to:

Resolved, That the following be adopted as one of the standing rules of the Senate: "In case of the temporary absence of both the President and President pro tempore of the Senate, the Senate may appoint any Senator who, as President pro tempore ad interim, shall preside over the body during such temporary absence of the Presi-

dent and President pro tempore; and when such Senator shall thus preside, his powers and duties shall be the same as those of the President and President pro tempore in these rules specified."

Mr. Caperton submitted the following resolution; which was considered and agreed to:

Resolved, That the Honorable William A. Graham be appointed President pro tempore of the Senate ad interim.

Ordered, That the Secretary inform the House of Representatives thereof.

On motion by Mr. Semmes,

Ordered, That the Hon. Edward Sparrow have leave of absence from the sessions of the Senate until Thursday next.

Mr. Dortch submitted the following resolution; which was considered and agreed to:

Resolved, That the Committee on the Judiciary be instructed to inquire into the expediency of making reputation prima facie evidence of the fact of desertion in all prosecutions under an act entitled "An act to prevent the procuring, aiding, and assisting persons to desert," etc., approved January twenty-second, eighteen hundred and sixty-four.

Mr. Henry (by leave) introduced

A bill (S. 173) to receive volunteer troops for the war; which was read the first and second times and referred to the Committee on Military Affairs.

Mr. Oldham presented a resolution of the legislature of the State of Texas concerning peace, reconstruction, and independence; which was read.

Ordered, That it lie upon the table and be printed.

On motion by Mr. Semmes,

Ordered, That the Secretary wait upon the President of the Confederate States and inform him that, in the absence of both the President and President pro tempore of the Senate, temporarily, the Senate have chosen the Hon. William A. Graham President pro tempore of the Senate ad interim.

A message from the House of Representatives, by Mr. Dalton:

Mr. President: The House of Representatives have passed the bill of the Senate (S. 129) to provide for the employment of free negroes and slaves to work upon fortifications and perform other labor connected with the defenses of the country, with amendments; in which they request the concurrence of the Senate.

The House of Representatives insist on their disagreement to the amendment of the Senate to the bill (H. R. 336) to authorize the establishment of an office of deposit in connection with the Treasury; agree to the conference asked by the Senate on the disagreeing votes of the two Houses thereon, and have appointed Messrs. Lyon, Wickham, and Barksdale managers at said conference on their part.

The Speaker of the House of Representatives having signed an enrolled bill, I am directed to bring it to the Senate for the signature of their President.

Mr. Hill presented the memorial of the mechanics and artisans of the city of Columbus, Ga., praying to be relieved from the hardships laid upon them by their present organization into "reserved corps;" which was referred to the Committee on Military Affairs.

Mr. Dortch, from the committee, reported that they had examined and found truly enrolled bills of the following titles:

S. 134. An act to increase the maximum rates of compensation allowed to railroad companies for the transportation of the mails of the Confederate States; and

S. 153. An act appropriating, for the use of the Post-Office Depart-

ment, certain moneys deposited by postmasters with the depositaries of the Government created under the act approved February 17, 1864.

The President *pro tempore ad interim* having signed the enrolled bills last reported to have been examined, they were delivered to the Secretary of the Senate and by him forthwith presented to the President of the Confederate States for his approval.

The Senate proceeded to consider the amendments of the House of Representatives to the bill (S. 129) to provide for the employment of free negroes and slaves to work upon fortifications and perform other labor connected with the defenses of the country; and

Ordered, That they be referred to the Committee on Military Affairs.

Mr. Wigfall (by leave) introduced

A bill (S. 174) to encourage the production of cotton in the Trans-Mississippi Department;
which was read the first and second times and referred to the Committee on Finance.

Mr. Wigfall (by leave) introduced the following bills; which were severally read the first and second times and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary:

S. 175. Bill providing for the auditing and payment of properly authenticated claims against the Cotton Bureau in the Trans-Mississippi Department; and

S. 176. Bill providing for the auditing and payment of properly authenticated claims.

The Senate resumed, as in Committee of the Whole, the consideration of the bill (H. R. 242) to provide for sequestrating the property of persons liable to military service who have departed, or shall depart, from the Confederate States without permission; and

After debate,

On motion by Mr. Hill,

The Senate resolved into secret legislative session.

The doors having been opened,

On motion by Mr. Caperton,

The Senate adjourned.

SECRET SESSION.

A message from the House of Representatives, by Mr. Dalton:

Mr. President: The House of Representatives have passed the joint resolution of the Senate (S. 25) to amend a joint resolution entitled "Joint resolution on the subject of retaliation," approved May 1, 1863, with an amendment; in which they request the concurrence of the Senate.

The Senate proceeded to consider the amendment of the House of Representatives to the joint resolution (S. 25) last mentioned; and

On motion by Mr. Maxwell,

Ordered, That it be referred to the joint select committee appointed to investigate the condition and treatment of prisoners of war held by the Confederate and United States Governments.

On motion by Mr. Maxwell,

The Senate resolved into open legislative session.

TUESDAY, JANUARY 31, 1865.

OPEN SESSION.

A message from the House of Representatives, by Mr. Dalton:

Mr. President: The House of Representatives disagree to the amendment of the Senate to the bill (H. R. 273) to authorize the consolidation of companies, battalions, and regiments; ask a conference on the disagreeing votes of the two Houses thereon, and have appointed Messrs. Miles, Marshall, and Holliday managers at said conference on their part.

The House of Representatives having proceeded, in pursuance of the Constitution, to reconsider the bill entitled "An act to authorize newspapers to be mailed to soldiers free of postage," returned to the Senate by the President of the Confederate States, with his objections, and sent by the Senate to the House of Representatives with the message of the President returning the bill,

Resolved, That the bill do pass, two-thirds of the House of Representatives agreeing to pass the same.

The Speaker of the House of Representatives having signed sundry enrolled bills and an enrolled joint resolution, I am directed to bring them to the Senate for the signature of their President.

The Senate proceeded to consider their amendment, disagreed to by the House of Representatives, to the bill (H. R. 273) to authorize the consolidation of companies, battalions, and regiments; and

On motion by Mr. Wigfall,

Resolved, That the Senate insist on their said amendment and agree to the conference asked by the House of Representatives on the disagreeing votes of the two Houses thereon.

On motion by Mr. Wigfall,

Ordered, That the committee of conference on the part of the Senate be appointed by the President pro tempore ad interim; and

Mr. Sparrow, Mr. Henry, and Mr. Vest were appointed.

Ordered, That the Secretary inform the House of Representatives thereof.

Mr. Semmes submitted the following resolution; which was considered and agreed to:

Resolved, That the Secretary of the Senate be directed to present to the Attorney-General, to be filed in the Department of Justice, the act entitled "An act to authorize newspapers to be mailed to soldiers free of postage," together with the certificates of the Secretary of the Senate and the Clerk of the House of Representatives, showing that the said act was passed by a vote of two-thirds of both Houses of Congress, after the objections of the President of the Confederate States thereto had been received, and after the reconsideration of the said act by both Houses of Congress, in accordance with the Constitution.

A message from the President of the Confederate States, by Mr. B. N. Harrison, his Secretary:

Mr. President: On the 27th instant the President of the Confederate States approved and signed the following acts:

S. 100. An act to amend the act to provide an invalid corps, approved February 17, 1864;

S. 111. An act to authorize the President to appoint commissioners for the exchange of prisoners; and

S. 164. An act to extend the jurisdiction of the State tax collector of Mississippi over eastern Louisiana.

Ordered, That the Secretary inform the House of Representatives thereof.

Mr. Dortch, from the committee, reported that they had examined

and found truly enrolled bills and a joint resolution of the following titles:

H. R. 351. An act to provide for certain claims due the State of North Carolina;

H. R. 352. An act to provide for certain claims due the State of Louisiana; and

H. R. 21. Joint resolution of thanks to Brig. Gen. John S. Williams and the officers and men under his command for their victory over the enemy at Saltville, Va., on the 2d day of October, 1864.

The President pro tempore ad interim having signed the enrolled bills and enrolled joint resolution last reported to have been examined, they were delivered to the Secretary of the Senate and by him forthwith presented to the President of the Confederate States for his approval.

On motion by Mr. Hill,

The Senate resolved into executive session.

The doors having been opened,

The Senate resumed, as in Committee of the Whole, the consideration of the bill (H. R. 242) to provide for sequestering the property of persons liable to military service who have departed, or shall depart, from the Confederate States without permission; and no amendment being proposed, it was reported to the Senate.

Ordered, That it pass to a third reading.

The said bill was read the third time.

On the question,

Shall the bill now pass?

It was determined in the affirmative,	{ Yeas -----	12
	{ Nays -----	7

On motion by Mr. Semmes,

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present, Those who voted in the affirmative are,

Messrs. Baker, Brown, Burnett, Caperton, Dortch, Garland, Henry, Hill, Johnson of Missouri, Simms, West, and Wigfall.

Those who voted in the negative are,

Messrs. Graham, Haynes, Maxwell, Oldham, Semmes, Walker, and Watson.

So it was

Resolved, That this bill pass.

Ordered, That the Secretary inform the House of Representatives thereof.

The Senate proceeded to consider the motion submitted by Mr. Vest on the 23d instant, that the vote by which the Senate refused to pass to a third reading the joint resolution (H. R. 20) construing the act of January 30, 1864, increasing the compensation of certain officers and employees of the Government, be reconsidered; and

The motion was agreed to.

The Senate resumed the consideration of the said resolution; and

Ordered, That it pass to a third reading.

The said resolution was read the third time.

Resolved, That it pass.

Ordered, That the Secretary inform the House of Representatives thereof.

On motion by Mr. Haynes,

The Senate adjourned.

SECRET SESSION.

A message from the House of Representatives, by Mr. Dalton:

Mr. President: The Speaker of the House of Representatives having signed an enrolled bill, I am directed to bring it to the Senate for the signature of their President.

A message from the President of the Confederate States, by Mr. B. N. Harrison, his Secretary:

Mr. President: On the 27th instant the President of the Confederate States approved and signed a joint resolution (S. 24) directing the transfer of certain funds from the Navy Department to the Treasury.

Ordered, That the Secretary inform the House of Representatives thereof.

Mr. Dortch, from the committee, reported that they had examined and found truly enrolled

A bill (H. R. 357) making an appropriation for the redemption of one-fortieth of the three million pounds foreign loan, due March 1, 1864.

The President pro tempore ad interim having signed the enrolled bill last reported to have been examined, it was delivered to the Secretary of the Senate and by him forthwith presented to the President of the Confederate States for his approval.

Mr. Watson, from the joint select committee appointed to investigate the condition and treatment of prisoners of war held by the Confederate and United States Governments, to whom was referred the amendment of the House of Representatives to the joint resolution (S. 25) to amend a joint resolution entitled "Joint resolution on the subject of retaliation," approved May 1, 1863, reported it without amendment.

The Senate proceeded to consider the amendment of the House of Representatives to the joint resolution (S. 25) last mentioned; and

Resolved, That they concur therein.

Ordered, That the Secretary inform the House of Representatives thereof.

On motion by Mr. Caperton.

The Senate resolved into open legislative session.

EXECUTIVE SESSION.

The following message was received from the President of the Confederate States, by Mr. B. N. Harrison, his Secretary:

1.] EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT, CONFEDERATE STATES OF AMERICA,
Richmond, January 31, 1865.

To the Senate of the Confederate States:

Agreeably to the recommendation of the Secretary of War, I nominate Gen. Robert E. Lee, of Virginia, to be general in chief of the armies of the Confederate States of America, under act approved January 23, 1865.

JEFFERSON DAVIS.

No. 172.] WAR DEPARTMENT, CONFEDERATE STATES OF AMERICA,
Richmond, January 28, 1865.

SIR: I have the honor to recommend the nomination of Gen. Robert E. Lee, of Virginia, to be general in chief of the armies of the Confederate States of America, under act approved January 23, 1865, to rank from date of confirmation.

I am, sir, respectfully, your obedient servant,

JAMES A. SEDDON,
Secretary of War.

To His Excellency JEFFERSON DAVIS,
President, etc.

The message was read.

The Senate proceeded to consider the nomination of Robert E. Lee, to be general in chief of the armies of the Confederate States of America; and it was

Resolved, That the Senate do advise and consent to his appointment, agreeably to the nomination of the President.

The following messages were received from the President of the Confederate States, by Mr. B. N. Harrison, his Secretary:

2.] EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT, CONFEDERATE STATES OF AMERICA,
Richmond, January 31, 1865.

To the Senate of the Confederate States:

Agreeably to the recommendation of the Secretary of War, I nominate T. O. Stark, of Louisiana, to be a quartermaster, with the rank of major in the Provisional Army of the Confederate States of America.

JEFFERSON DAVIS.

No. 174.] WAR DEPARTMENT, CONFEDERATE STATES OF AMERICA,
Richmond, January 28, 1865.

SIR: I have the honor to recommend the nomination of T. O. Stark, of Louisiana, to be a quartermaster, with the rank of major in the Provisional Army of the Confederate States of America, for duty with Liddell's brigade, Trans-Mississippi Department, to date from June 15, 1864.

I am, sir, respectfully, your obedient servant,

JAMES A. SEDDON,
Secretary of War.

To His Excellency JEFFERSON DAVIS,
President, etc.

3.] EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT, CONFEDERATE STATES OF AMERICA,
Richmond, January 27, 1865.

To the Senate of the Confederate States:

Agreeably to the recommendation of the Secretary of War, I nominate Marcus Hofflin, of North Carolina, to be an assistant commissary, with the rank of captain in the Provisional Army of the Confederate States of America.

JEFFERSON DAVIS.

No. 171.] WAR DEPARTMENT, CONFEDERATE STATES OF AMERICA,
Richmond, January 27, 1865.

SIR: I have the honor to recommend the nomination of Marcus Hofflin, of North Carolina, to be an assistant commissary, with the rank of captain in the Provisional Army of the Confederate States of America, ordered to report for duty to Maj. A. Myers, to date from January 26, 1865.

I am, sir, respectfully, your obedient servant,

JAMES A. SEDDON,
Secretary of War.

To His Excellency JEFFERSON DAVIS,
President, etc.

The messages were read.

Ordered, That they be referred to the Committee on Military Affairs.

On motion by Mr. Watson,

The Senate resolved into secret legislative session.

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 1, 1865.

OPEN SESSION.

A message from the House of Representatives, by Mr. Dalton:

Mr. President: The House of Representatives have passed a joint resolution (H. R. 24) of thanks to the officers and men of the Ninth, Fourteenth, and Fifty-seventh regiments of Virginia Infantry; in which they request the concurrence of the Senate.

The President of the Confederate States has notified the House of Representatives that on the 27th ultimo he approved and signed an act (H. R. 308) to provide more effectually for carrying out certain stipulations in the treaty made with the Cherokee Nation of Indians.

Mr. Baker (by leave) introduced

A bill (S. 177) to amend an act to establish the judicial courts of the Confederate States of America; which was read the first and second times and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Mr. Semmes presented the memorial of Power, Low & Co., praying for the issue of duplicates of certain bonds destroyed; which was referred to the Committee on Claims.

Mr. Burnett, from the Committee on Military Affairs, to whom were referred the amendments of the House of Representatives to the bill (S. 129) to provide for the employment of free negroes and slaves to work upon fortifications and perform other labor connected with the defenses of the country, reported thereon.

Ordered, That the amendments be printed.

Mr. Haynes, from the Committee on the Judiciary, reported

A bill (S. 178) to provide for the appointment of a solicitor of the War Department; which was read the first and second times and considered as in Committee of the Whole; and no amendment being proposed, it was reported to the Senate.

Ordered, That it be engrossed and read a third time.

The said bill was read the third time.

Resolved, That it pass, and that the title thereof be as aforesaid.

Ordered, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the House of Representatives therein.

On motion by Mr. Semmes,

Ordered, That the President pro tempore ad interim appoint, temporarily, two additional members on the Committee on Finance; and

Mr. Orr and Mr. Oldham were appointed.

On motion by Mr. Wigfall,

Ordered, That the President pro tempore ad interim appoint, temporarily, an additional member on the Committee on Military Affairs; and

Mr. Garland was appointed.

The joint resolution (H. R. 24) received this day from the House of Representatives for concurrence was read the first and second times and referred to the Committee on Military Affairs.

The Senate proceeded, as in Committee of the Whole, to the consideration of the bill (S. 169) to abolish the office of certain quartermasters and commissaries, and to provide for the appointment of bonded agents in said departments.

On motion by Mr. Simms, to amend the bill by striking out "two months," section 2, line 3, and inserting "one month,"

It was determined in the affirmative.

On motion by Mr. Burnett, the vote on agreeing to the amendment proposed by Mr. Simms was reconsidered.

The Senate resumed the consideration of the said amendment; and

On the question to agree thereto,

It was determined in the negative,	} Yeas ----- 7 Nays ----- 12

On motion by Mr. Simms,

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present, Those who voted in the affirmative are,

Messrs. Garland, Haynes, Johnson of Missouri, Orr, Simms, Vest, and Watson.

Those who voted in the negative are,

Messrs. Baker, Brown, Burnett, Caperton, Dortch, Graham, Henry, Maxwell, Oldham, Semmes, Walker, and Wigfall.

On motion by Mr. Burnett, to amend the bill by inserting after "bond," section 4, line 2, the words "payable to the Confederate States,"

It was determined in the affirmative.

On motion by Mr. Burnett, to amend the bill by inserting after "departments," section 4, line 5, the words "and that their compensation shall not exceed that now allowed quartermasters and commissaries for similar duties,"

It was determined in the affirmative.

On motion by Mr. Orr, to amend the bill by striking out "sixty," section 5, line 4, and inserting "thirty,"

It was determined in the affirmative.

On motion by Mr. Burnett, to amend the bill by inserting after "repealed," section 6, line 4, the words "and all details heretofore granted in these departments are hereby revoked."

It was determined in the affirmative.

On motion by Mr. Henry, to amend the bill by striking out all of the first section after the enacting clause and inserting:

That the office of all quartermasters and assistant quartermasters, commissaries and assistant commissaries, on duty at posts and depots, those engaged in purchasing and impressing supplies, and those engaged in collecting the tax in kind, be, and the same is hereby, abolished,

It was determined in the affirmative.

No further amendment being made, the bill was reported to the Senate and the amendments were concurred in.

Ordered, That the bill be engrossed and read a third time.

The said bill was read the third time and the title was amended.

Resolved, That it pass, and that the title thereof be "An act to abolish the office of certain quartermasters and assistant quartermasters, commissaries and assistant commissaries, and to provide for the appointment of bonded agents in said departments."

Ordered, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the House of Representatives therein.

On motion by Mr. Burnett,

The Senate resolved into executive session.

The doors having been opened,

On motion by Mr. Simms,

The Senate adjourned.

EXECUTIVE SESSION.

Mr. Burnett, from the Committee on Military Affairs, to whom were referred (on the 21st ultimo) the nominations of I. M. St. John, to be colonel; Richard Morton and W. R. Hunt, to be lieutenant-colonels; Isaac Read, T. J. Finnie, John Ellicott, Jas. F. Jones, and C. R. Barney, to be majors, and F. W. Smith, R. H. Temple, W. Gabbett, H. F. Reardon, R. C. Morton, B. A. Stovall, J. W. Pearce, S. Chalaron,

and John R. Hale, to be captains in the Niter and Mining Bureau, reported, with the recommendation that all of said nominations be confirmed.

The Senate proceeded to consider said report; and

On motion by Mr. Johnson of Missouri,

Ordered, That the further consideration thereof be postponed until to-morrow.

Mr. Burnett, from the Committee on Military Affairs, to whom was referred (on 30th November, ultimo) the nomination of R. H. Renshaw, to be assistant quartermaster, with the rank of captain, reported, with the recommendation that said nomination be confirmed.

The Senate proceeded to consider said report; and in concurrence therewith, it was

Resolved, That the Senate do advise and consent to the appointment of R. H. Renshaw, agreeably to the nomination of the President.

Mr. Burnett, from the Committee on Military Affairs, to whom was referred (on the 31st ultimo) the nomination of T. O. Stark, to be a quartermaster, with the rank of major, reported, with the recommendation that said nomination be confirmed.

The Senate proceeded to consider said report; and in concurrence therewith, it was

Resolved, That the Senate do advise and consent to the appointment of T. O. Stark, agreeably to the nomination of the President.

On motion by Mr. Burnett,

The Senate resolved into open legislative session.

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 2, 1865.

OPEN SESSION.

Mr. Brown (by leave) introduced

A joint resolution (S. 26) of thanks to Mr. John Lancaster, of England, for his friendly conduct toward the commander, officers, and crew of the Alabama; which was read the first and second times and referred to the Committee on Naval Affairs.

Mr. Watson, from the joint select committee appointed to investigate the condition and treatment of prisoners of war held by the Confederate and United States Governments, reported the following resolution: which was considered and agreed to:

Resolved (the House of Representatives concurring), That the joint committee to whom was referred the investigation of the condition and treatment of prisoners and the causes of their detention in captivity, shall, in addition, investigate and report upon the violations, by the enemy, of the rules of civilized war in the conduct of the war; and also whether the enemy will resume exchanges, and if so, upon what terms; and that they report what legislation they deem expedient in the premises.

Ordered, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the House of Representatives in the resolution.

Mr. Johnson of Missouri (by leave) introduced

A bill (S. 179) to amend an act to provide for holding elections for Representatives in the Congress of the Confederate States from the State of Missouri, approved January 19, 1864; which was read the first and second times and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Mr. Oldham, from the Committee on Commerce, to whom was referred the bill (S. 162) to amend an act entitled "An act to impose regulations upon the foreign commerce of the Confederate States to provide for the public defense," approved February 6, 1864, reported it without amendment.

Ordered, That it be printed.

Mr. Sparrow, from the Committee on Military Affairs, to whom was referred the bill (S. 173) to receive volunteer troops for the war, reported it without amendment.

Ordered, That it be printed.

On motion by Mr. Sparrow,

Ordered, That the Committee on Military Affairs be discharged from the further consideration of a resolution of the legislature of the State of North Carolina in relation to the pay of disabled soldiers, and that it lie upon the table.

On motion by Mr. Sparrow,

Ordered, That the Committee on Military Affairs be discharged from the further consideration of a resolution of the legislature of the State of North Carolina in relation to the expenses of the State incurred in the execution of the conscription laws, and that it be referred to the Committee on Finance.

On motion by Mr. Sparrow,

Ordered, That the Committee on Military Affairs be discharged from the further consideration of the following subjects:

Memorials of the officers of Finegan's, Weisiger's, Harris', and Forney's brigades, praying the passage of the bill (H. R. 305) to grant free transportation to officers, noncommissioned officers, and privates of the Army traveling on leave of indulgence; and

Resolution of the legislature of the State of North Carolina in relation to brigading certain North Carolina regiments.

Mr. Sparrow, from the Committee on Military Affairs, to whom was referred the joint resolution (H. R. 24) of thanks to the officers and men of the Ninth, Fourteenth, and Fifty-seventh regiments of Virginia Infantry, reported it without amendment.

The Senate proceeded, as in Committee of the Whole, to the consideration of the said resolution; and no amendment being proposed, it was reported to the Senate.

Ordered, That it pass to a third reading.

The said resolution was read the third time.

Resolved, That it pass.

Ordered, That the Secretary inform the House of Representatives thereof.

Mr. Sparrow, from the Committee on Military Affairs, to whom was referred the bill (H. R. 346) providing for the discharge of soldiers in certain cases, and their future exemption from military service, reported it with the recommendation that it ought not to pass.

The Senate proceeded, as in Committee of the Whole, to the consideration of the said bill; and no amendment being proposed, it was reported to the Senate.

On the question,

Shall the bill be read a third time?

It was determined in the negative.

So the bill was rejected.

Ordered, That the Secretary inform the House of Representatives thereof.

Mr. Semmes, from the Committee on the Judiciary, who were instructed by a resolution of the Senate to inquire into the subject, reported

A bill (S. 180) to amend an act entitled "An act to prevent the procuring, aiding, and assisting persons to desert from the Army of the Confederate States, and for other purposes," approved January 22, 1864;

which was read and passed to a second reading.

Ordered, That it be printed.

Mr. Semmes, from the Committee on the Judiciary, to whom was referred the bill (S. 177) to amend an act to establish the judicial courts of the Confederate States of America, reported it with an amendment.

The Senate proceeded, as in Committee of the Whole, to the consideration of the said bill; and the reported amendment having been agreed to, the bill was reported to the Senate and the amendment was concurred in.

Ordered, That the bill be engrossed and read a third time.

The said bill was read the third time and the title was amended.

Resolved, That it pass, and that the title thereof be "An act to amend an act to establish the judicial courts of the Confederate States of America, approved March sixteenth, eighteen hundred and sixty-one."

Ordered, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the House of Representatives therein.

Mr. Walker, from the Committee on the Judiciary, who were instructed by a resolution of the Senate to inquire into the subject, and to whom were referred the bill (S. 107) to provide supplies for the Army, and to prescribe the mode of making impressments, and the bill (S. 124) to amend the several acts now of force on the subject of impressments, and to define what is "just compensation," reported

A bill (S. 181) to provide supplies for the Army, and to prescribe the mode of making impressments;

which was read and passed to a second reading.

Ordered, That it be printed.

On motion by Mr. Burnett, the vote on passing the bill (S. 169) to abolish the office of certain quartermasters and assistant quartermasters, commissaries and assistant commissaries, and to provide for the appointment of bonded agents in said departments, was reconsidered.

On motion by Mr. Burnett, the vote on ordering the said bill to its engrossment and third reading was also reconsidered.

On motion by Mr. Burnett, to amend the bill by inserting after "revoked," section 6, line 4, the words "except as to skilled artisans and mechanics permanently employed in said departments,"

It was determined in the affirmative.

No further amendment being made,

Ordered, That the bill be engrossed and read a third time.

The said bill was read the third time.

Resolved, That it pass, and that the title thereof be as aforesaid.

Ordered, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the House of Representatives therein.

Mr. Burnett, from the Committee on Claims, reported

A bill (S. 182) for the relief of holders of Treasury notes of the

denomination of one hundred dollars, who have been prevented from funding the same by reason of being held as prisoners of war; which was read the first and second times and referred to the Committee on Finance.

The Senate proceeded to consider the amendments of the House of Representatives to the bill (S. 129) to provide for the employment of free negroes and slaves to work upon fortifications and perform other labor connected with the defenses of the country; and

After debate,

On motion by Mr. Burnett,

The Senate resolved into executive session.

The doors having been opened,

On motion by Mr. Maxwell,

The Senate adjourned.

EXECUTIVE SESSION.

Mr. Sparrow, from the Committee on Military Affairs, to whom were referred (on the 16th [December], ultimo) the nominations of E. N. Woodland, Douglas West, Addison Craft, John Ryan, M. L. Strong, A. J. Hawthorn, C. M. Bradford, E. A. Burk, George Tucker, C. W. Gassett, G. R. Fairbanks, R. T. Scott, J. R. Viley, and R. H. Bigger, to be quartermasters, with the rank of major; J. J. Brown, H. Richardson, E. A. Hickman, John C. Mahen, William F. Bell, J. M. Hanger, Charles A. Smith, J. S. Richardson, P. B. Jones, jr., N. T. Green, B. H. Smith, S. A. Shortridge, W. G. Raoul, E. C. Payne, P. H. Mayo, S. W. Morgan, Charles Vidor, W. R. Price, S. C. Head, J. B. Goodloe, Fred. Emory, Z. A. Philips, James Beaty, Frank Arnold, J. Crockford, D. H. White, W. D. Leiper, A. S. English, W. D. Douglas, and J. W. James, to be assistant quartermasters, with the rank of captain; W. T. Gary, James L. Armstrong, Horace W. Jones, D. H. C. Spence, T. A. Cromwell, C. H. Parmalee, Jos. W. Urquhart, to be commissaries, with the rank of major; Lewis E. Harvie, John M. Strother, W. W. Meriwether, J. J. Blackwell, J. H. Devereux, W. H. Flynn, M. J. Clancy, E. M. Griffin, Robert Burns, J. C. Abrams, J. H. Demund, L. F. Choice, J. N. Williams, A. Dawson, E. G. Pearl, Jos. S. James, L. F. Lucado, Walton Smith, J. J. Lock, George W. Long, James McKay, J. W. Baker, J. S. Carpenter, I. Shelby, jr., A. W. Harris, and W. D. Van Dyke, to be assistant commissaries, with the rank of captain, reported, with the recommendation that all of said nominations be confirmed.

The Senate proceeded to consider said report; and in concurrence therewith, it was

Resolved, That the Senate do advise and consent to all of said appointments, agreeably to the nomination of the President.

Mr. Sparrow, from the Committee on Military Affairs, to whom were referred (on the 25th ultimo) the nominations of W. M. Inge, to be colonel of cavalry; C. W. Grandy, to be quartermaster, with the rank of major; and Isaac Shelby, to be commissary, with the rank of major, reported, with the recommendation that all of said nominations be confirmed.

The Senate proceeded to consider said report; and in concurrence therewith, it was

Resolved, That the Senate do advise and consent to all of said appointments, agreeably to the nomination of the President.

Mr. Sparrow, from the Committee on Military Affairs, to whom were referred (on the 28th ultimo) the nominations of J. S. Bransford, F. Ducayet, Hermann Hirsch, and J. B. Moore, to be quartermasters, with the rank of major, and Marcus Hotflin (referred to same committee on the 31st ultimo), to be assistant commissary, with the rank of captain, reported, with the recommendation that all of said nominations be confirmed.

The Senate proceeded to consider said report; and in concurrence therewith, it was

Resolved, That the Senate do advise and consent to all of said appointments, agreeably to the nomination of the President.

On motion by Mr. Sparrow,

The Senate resolved into open legislative session.

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 3, 1865.

OPEN SESSION.

A message from the House of Representatives, by Mr. Dalton:

Mr. President: The House of Representatives have passed bills of the Senate of the following titles:

S. 150. An act to provide for the lighting and warming of the Executive Mansion, and for the supply of forage and commissary stores for the use of the Commander in Chief of the Army and Navy of the Confederate States; and

S. 155. An act to regulate the pay and allowances of certain female employees of the Government.

The bill last named with amendments; in which they request the concurrence of the Senate.

The Speaker of the House of Representatives having signed an enrolled bill and an enrolled joint resolution, I am directed to bring them to the Senate for the signature of their President.

Mr. Brown presented the memorial of C. K. Marshall, praying that Congress will make further provision for the relief of maimed soldiers; which was referred to the Committee on Military Affairs.

Mr. Sparrow, from the Committee on Military Affairs, to whom was referred the bill (H. R. 350) to diminish the number of exemptions and details, reported it without amendment.

Ordered, That it be printed.

Mr. Sparrow, from the Committee on Military Affairs, to whom was referred the bill (S. 152) to amend the several acts in regard to military storekeepers of ordnance, reported it with the recommendation that it ought not to pass.

Mr. Sparrow, from the Committee on Military Affairs, to whom was referred the bill (S. 137) to establish the flag of the Confederate States, reported it without amendment.

On motion by Mr. Sparrow,

Ordered, That the Committee on Military Affairs be discharged from the further consideration of a resolution inquiring "whether military officers in command of departments have authority, under existing laws, to impress negroes, wagons, teams, etc., for the purpose of building or repairing railroads belonging to private companies," and that it be referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Mr. Brown, from the Committee on Naval Affairs, to whom was

referred the joint resolution (S. 26) of thanks to Mr. John Lancaster, of England, for his friendly conduct toward the commander, officers, and crew of the *Alabama*, reported it without amendment.

The Senate proceeded, as in Committee of the Whole, to the consideration of the said resolution; and no amendment being made, it was reported to the Senate.

Ordered, That it be engrossed and read a third time.

The said resolution was read the third time.

Resolved, That it pass, and that the title thereof be as aforesaid.

Ordered, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the House of Representatives therein.

Mr. Burnett, from the Committee on Claims, to whom was referred the petition of Lewis Porter, reported

A bill (S. 183) for the relief of Lewis Porter;

which was read the first and second times and considered as in Committee of the Whole; and no amendment being made, it was reported to the Senate.

Ordered, That it be engrossed and read a third time.

The said bill was read the third time.

Resolved, That it pass, and that the title thereof be as aforesaid.

Ordered, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the House of Representatives therein.

The Senate proceeded to consider the amendments of the House of Representatives to the bill (S. 155) to regulate the pay and allowances of certain female employees of the Government; and

Resolved, That they concur therein.

Ordered, That the Secretary inform the House of Representatives thereof.

Mr. Dortch, from the committee, reported that they had examined and found truly enrolled a bill and joint resolution of the following titles:

H. R. 242. An act to provide for sequestrating the property of persons liable to military service who have departed, or shall depart, from the Confederate States without permission; and

H. R. 20. Joint resolution construing the act of January 30, 1864, increasing the compensation of certain officers and employees of the Government.

The President pro tempore ad interim having signed the enrolled bill and enrolled joint resolution last reported to have been examined, they were delivered to the Secretary of the Senate and by him forthwith presented to the President of the Confederate States for his approval.

The Senate resumed the consideration of the amendments of the House of Representatives to the bill (S. 129) to provide for the employment of free negroes and slaves to work upon fortifications and perform other labor connected with the defenses of the country.

The first amendment having been agreed to,

On the question to agree to the second amendment, viz: In section 2, line 5, strike out after the word "years," all down to and including the word "river," in line 8,

It was determined in the negative,	Yeas	9
	Nays	10

On motion by Mr. Graham,

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present, Those who voted in the affirmative are,

Messrs. Brown, Burnett, Dortch, Henry, Johnson of Missouri, Simms, Sparrow, Vest, and Watson.

Those who voted in the negative are,

Messrs. Baker, Caperton, Garland, Graham, Haynes, Hill, Maxwell, Orr, Semmes, and Wigfall.

So the second amendment was disagreed to.

The fifth, seventh, eighth, ninth, twelfth, thirteenth, fourteenth, and fifteenth amendments having been agreed to, the sixth amendment agreed to with an amendment, and the third, fourth, tenth, and eleventh amendments disagreed to.

On motion by Mr. Orr, that the vote on disagreeing to the second amendment be reconsidered,

On motion by Mr. Caperton,

The Senate resolved into secret legislative session.

The doors having been opened.

On motion by Mr. Orr,

The Senate adjourned.

SECRET SESSION.

A message from the House of Representatives, by Mr. Dalton:

Mr. President: The Speaker of the House of Representatives having signed an enrolled joint resolution, I am directed to bring it to the Senate for the signature of their President.

Mr. Caperton, from the committee, reported that they had examined and found truly enrolled

A joint resolution (S. 25) to amend a joint resolution entitled "Joint resolution on the subject of retaliation," approved May 1, 1863.

The President pro tempore ad interim having signed the enrolled joint resolution last reported to have been examined, it was delivered to the Secretary of the Senate and by him forthwith presented to the President of the Confederate States for his approval.

On motion by Mr. Sparrow,

The Senate resolved into executive session.

EXECUTIVE SESSION.

Mr. Sparrow, from the Committee on Military Affairs, to whom were referred (on the [20th and] 21st December, ultimo) the nominations of R. F. Mason and Thomas Walton, to be majors, and J. J. Evans, Clement Sullivan, William Norwood, James R. Balfour, W. D. Gale, Price Williams, and R. T. Daniel, jr., to be captains in the Adjutant-General's Department; Alex. G. Morgan, to be assistant commissary, with the rank of captain, reported, with the recommendation that all of said nominations be confirmed.

The Senate proceeded to consider said report; and in concurrence therewith, it was

Resolved, That the Senate do advise and consent to all of said appointments, agreeably to the nomination of the President.

Mr. Sparrow, from the Committee on Military Affairs, to whom were referred (on the 29th December, ultimo) the nominations of Henry J. Rains, Mims Walker, William Semple, W. S. Drayton, P. Dawson, Aug. Micou, E. M. Seabrook, W. H. Crame, H. M. Judge,

George W. Scott, A. G. McGrath, S. M. G. Gary, E. B. Meade, C. V. Haile, A. P. Moore, Richard H. Burks, Charles H. Law, John G. Thomas, Frank H. Govan, F. C. Foard, and Jos. E. Dennis, to be aids-de-camp, with the rank of first lieutenant, reported, with the recommendation that all of said nominations be confirmed.

The Senate proceeded to consider said report; and in concurrence therewith, it was

Resolved, That the Senate do advise and consent to their appointment, agreeably to the nomination of the President.

Mr. Sparrow, from the Committee on Military Affairs, to whom were referred (on the 14th December, ultimo) the nominations of Phil. Cook, E. G. Lee, and D. A. Weisiger, to be brigadier-generals, and G. W. C. Lee (referred to same committee on 23d ultimo) to be major-general, reported, with the recommendation that all of said nominations be confirmed.

The Senate proceeded to consider said report; and in concurrence therewith, it was

Resolved, That the Senate do advise and consent to all of said appointments, agreeably to the nomination of the President.

Mr. Sparrow, from the Committee on Military Affairs, to whom were referred (on the 25th ultimo) the nominations of William Winston, C. E. Royston, and Robert Brodnax, to be aids-de-camp, with the rank of first lieutenant, and John H. Leete, William M. Thomas, D. H. Halsey, and Whitfield Scott, to be adjutants, with the rank of first lieutenant, reported, with the recommendation that all of said nominations be confirmed.

The Senate proceeded to consider said report; and in concurrence therewith, it was

Resolved, That the Senate do advise and consent to their appointment, agreeably to the nomination of the President.

On motion by Mr. Sparrow,

The Senate resolved into open legislative session.

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 4, 1865.

OPEN SESSION.

Mr. Brown (by leave) introduced

A joint resolution (S. 27) of thanks to Capt. Raphael Semmes, of the Confederate States war steamer Alabama, and the officers and crew under his command;

which was read the first and second times and referred to the Committee on Naval Affairs.

On motion by Mr. Henry,

Ordered, That the Hon. Benjamin H. Hill have leave of absence from the sessions of the Senate until Saturday, the 4th day of March next.

A message from the House of Representatives, by Mr. Dalton:

Mr. President: The House of Representatives have passed a bill and joint resolution of the following titles; in which they request the concurrence of the Senate:

H. R. 361. An act to provide for the reissue of bonds and certificates of indebtedness of the Confederate States in certain cases; and

H. R. 25. Joint resolution of thanks to the First, Fourth, and Fifth Texas and the Third Arkansas regiments, composing the Texas Brigade in Field's Division, Longstreet's Corps, Army of Northern Virginia.

And they have passed the bill of the Senate (S. 84) to regulate, for a limited period, the compensation of the officers, clerks, and employees of the civil departments of the Government in the city of Richmond, with amendments; in which they request the concurrence of the Senate.

The House of Representatives have concurred in the resolution of the Senate, instructing the joint select committee appointed to investigate the condition and treatment of prisoners of war held by the Confederate and United States Governments; also to investigate and report upon the violations, by the enemy, of the rules of civilized war in the conduct of the war; and also whether the enemy will resume exchanges, and if so, upon what terms.

Mr. Sparrow, from the Committee on Military Affairs, reported

A bill (S. 184) to exempt from military service skilled artisans and mechanics;

which was read and passed to a second reading.

Ordered, That it be printed.

Mr. Burnett, from the Committee on Claims, to whom was referred the joint resolution (H. R. 23) for the relief of the Virginia Mechanics' Institute, reported it without amendment.

The Senate proceeded, as in Committee of the Whole, to the consideration of the said resolution; and no amendment being proposed, it was reported to the Senate.

Ordered, That it pass to a third reading.

The said resolution was read the third time.

Resolved, That it pass.

Ordered, That the Secretary inform the House of Representatives thereof.

Mr. Burnett, from the Committee on Claims, to whom was referred the memorial of Power, Low & Co., reported a bill (S. 185) for their relief; which was read and passed to a second reading.

On motion by Mr. Burnett,

Ordered, That the Committee on Claims be discharged from the further consideration of the memorial of Capt. C. S. Hart.

The bill (H. R. 361) and joint resolution (H. R. 25) this day received from the House of Representatives for concurrence were severally read the first and second times; and

Ordered, That the bill be referred to the Committee on Finance, and the joint resolution to the Committee on Military Affairs.

The Senate proceeded to consider the amendments of the House of Representatives to the bill (S. 84) to regulate, for a limited period, the compensation of the officers, clerks, and employees of the civil departments of the Government in the city of Richmond; and

Ordered, That they be referred to the Committee on Finance.

The Senate resumed the consideration of the amendments of the House of Representatives to the bill (S. 129) to provide for the employment of free negroes and slaves to work upon fortifications and perform other labor connected with the defenses of the country.

The question being on agreeing to the motion submitted on yesterday by Mr. Orr, to reconsider the vote on disagreeing to the second amendment, to wit: In section 2, line 5, strike out after the word "years," all down to and including the word "river," in line 8; and

After debate,

On motion by Mr. Garland,

Ordered, That the further consideration thereof be postponed until Monday next.

The Senate proceeded, as in Committee of the Whole, to the consideration of the bill (S. 137) to establish the flag of the Confederate

States; and no amendment being proposed, it was reported to the Senate.

Ordered, That it be engrossed and read a third time.

The said bill was read the third time.

Resolved, That it pass, and that the title thereof be as aforesaid.

Ordered, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the House of Representatives therein.

On motion by Mr. Sparrow,

The Senate adjourned.

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 6, 1865.

OPEN SESSION.

A message from the House of Representatives, by Mr. Dalton:

Mr. President: The Speaker of the House of Representatives having signed an enrolled bill, I am directed to bring it to the Senate for the signature of their President.

Mr. Maxwell submitted the following resolution; which was considered and agreed to:

Resolved, That the President of the Confederate States be respectfully requested to furnish to the Senate, if not incompatible with the public interest, a copy of the correspondence, if any, between the Government of the United States and the commissioners recently sent by him to that Government, and also a copy of the report made by them of their proceedings and action.

Mr. Graham presented the memorial of A. C. Williamson, depository at Charlotte, N. C., praying the passage of an act authorizing the Secretary of the Treasury to issue duplicates of certain seven per cent coupon bonds which have been lost or misplaced; which was referred to the Committee on Claims.

Mr. Graham submitted the following resolution; which was considered and agreed to:

Resolved, That the Committee on Naval Affairs be instructed to inquire into the expediency of transferring the Marine Corps, or so much thereof as may not be required for urgent duty in that branch of service, to the Army, for such length of time as the condition of the public defenses may require.

Mr. Haynes submitted the following resolution; which was considered and agreed to:

Resolved, That the Committee on Finance be instructed to inquire into the expediency of amending the first amendment proposed by the House of Representatives to the bill (S. 84) to regulate, for a limited period, the compensation of the officers, clerks, and employees of the civil departments of the Government in the city of Richmond, by inserting after "Departments," in the fourth clause of said amendment, the words "the principal clerk in charge of the inspection office, Post-Office Department," and by inserting after "Bureaus," in the fifth clause, the words "and the principal clerk in the Contract, Finance, and Appointment Bureaus of the Post-Office Department."

Mr. Brown, from the Committee on Naval Affairs, to whom was referred the joint resolution (S. 27) of thanks to Capt. Raphael Semmes, of the Confederate States war steamer Alabama, and the officers and crew under his command, reported it without amendment.

The Senate proceeded, as in Committee of the Whole, to the consideration of the said resolution; and no amendment being proposed, it was reported to the Senate.

Ordered, That it be engrossed and read a third time.

The said resolution was read the third time.

Resolved, That it pass, and that the title thereof be as aforesaid.

Ordered, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the House of Representatives therein.

On motion by Mr. Baker,

Ordered, That the Committee on Post-Offices and Post-Roads be discharged from the further consideration of a resolution inquiring whether any law or regulation, beyond those now established, is necessary to insure the prompt transmission to the postal authorities of the United States of letters or other mail matter addressed to prisoners of war in the hands of the enemy.

Mr. Caperton, from the committee, reported that they had examined and found truly enrolled

A bill (S. 150) to provide for the lighting and warming of the Executive Mansion, and for the supply of forage and commissary stores for the use of the Commander in Chief of the Army and Navy of the Confederate States.

The President having signed the enrolled bill last reported to have been examined, it was delivered to the Secretary of the Senate and by him forthwith presented to the President of the Confederate States for his approval.

The Senate resumed the consideration of the amendments of the House of Representatives to the bill (S. 129) to provide for the employment of free negroes and slaves to work upon fortifications and perform other labor connected with the defenses of the country.

On the question to agree to the motion submitted by Mr. Orr on Friday last, to reconsider the vote on disagreeing to the second amendment, to wit: In section 2, line 5, strike out after the word "years," all down to and including the word "river," in line 8,

It was determined in the affirmative,	Yea	12
	Nay	8

On motion by Mr. Graham,

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present, Those who voted in the affirmative are,

Messrs. Brown, Burnett, Dortch, Henry, Johnson of Missouri, Oldham, Simms, Sparrow, Vest, Walker, Watson, and Wigfall.

Those who voted in the negative are,

Messrs. Baker, Caperton, Graham, Haynes, Hunter, Maxwell, Orr, and Semmes.

The Senate resumed the consideration of the said amendment; and

On the question to agree thereto,

It was determined in the affirmative.

On motion by Mr. Sparrow, to reconsider the vote on disagreeing to the fourth amendment, to wit: In line 8, section 3, after the word "stated," strike out all down to and including the word "necessary," in line 11, and insert in lieu thereof the words "as the wants of the service may require."

It was determined in the affirmative.

The Senate resumed the consideration of the said amendment; and

On the question to agree thereto,

It was determined in the affirmative.

So it was

Resolved, That the Senate agree to the first, second, fourth, fifth, seventh, eighth, ninth, twelfth, thirteenth, fourteenth, and fifteenth, and disagree to the third, tenth,

and eleventh amendments of the House of Representatives to the said bill, and that they agree to the sixth amendment, with an amendment.

Ordered, That the Secretary inform the House of Representatives thereof.

The following message was received from the President of the Confederate States, by Mr. B. N. Harrison, his Secretary:

To the Senate and House of Representatives of the Confederate States of America:

Having recently received written notification which satisfied me that the President of the United States was disposed to confer informally with unofficial agents that might be sent by me with a view to the restoration of peace, I requested the Hon. Alexander H. Stephens, the Hon. R. M. T. Hunter, and the Hon. John A. Campbell to proceed through our lines and to hold a conference with Mr. Lincoln, or such persons as he might depute to represent him.

I herewith submit for the information of Congress the report of the eminent citizens above named, showing that the enemy refuse to enter into negotiations with the Confederate States, or any one of them separately, or to give to our people any other terms or guarantees than those which a conqueror may grant, or permit us to have peace on any other basis than unconditional submission to their rule, coupled with the acceptance of their recent legislation, including an amendment to the Constitution for the emancipation of all the negro slaves, and with the right on the part of the Federal Congress to legislate on the subject of the relations between the white and black population of each State.

Such is, as I understand, the effect of the amendment to the Constitution which has been adopted by the Congress of the United States.

JEFFERSON DAVIS.

FEBRUARY 6, 1865.

The message was read.

Ordered, That it lie upon the table and be printed.

On motion by Mr. Henry, and by unanimous consent,

Ordered, That 5,000 additional copies of the message and documents be printed for the use of the Senate.

On motion by Mr. Sparrow,

The Senate resolved into executive session.

The doors having been opened,

On motion by Mr. Orr,

The Senate adjourned.

EXECUTIVE SESSION.

The following message was received from the President of the Confederate States, by Mr. B. N. Harrison, his Secretary:

EXECUTIVE OFFICE, *Richmond, February 6, 1865.*

To the Senate of the Confederate States:

I hereby nominate Maj. Gen. John C. Breckinridge, of the State of Kentucky, to be Secretary of War of the Confederate States.

JEFFERSON DAVIS.

The message was read.

The Senate proceeded to consider the nomination of Maj. Gen. John C. Breckinridge, to be Secretary of War (in accordance with the nomination of the President, of this day); and

Resolved, That the Senate do advise and consent to the appointment of Maj. Gen. John C. Breckinridge, to be Secretary of War, agreeably to the nomination of the President.

On motion by Mr. Orr,

The Senate resolved into open legislative session.

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 7, 1865.

OPEN SESSION.

A message from the House of Representatives, by Mr. Dalton:

Mr. President: The Speaker of the House of Representatives having signed an enrolled bill and two enrolled joint resolutions, I am directed to bring them to the Senate for the signature of their President.

On motion by Mr. Maxwell, to reconsider the vote on passing the resolution requesting the President of the Confederate States to furnish to the Senate, if not incompatible with the public interest, a copy of the correspondence, if any, between the Government of the United States and the commissioners recently sent by him to that Government, and also a copy of the report made by them of their proceedings and action,

It was determined in the affirmative.

The Senate resumed the consideration of the said resolution; and Mr. Maxwell (by leave) withdrew the same.

A message from the President of the Confederate States, by Mr. B. N. Harrison, his Secretary:

Mr. President: On the 3d instant the President of the Confederate States approved and signed the following acts:

S. 134. An act to increase the maximum rates of compensation allowed to railroad companies for the transportation of the mails of the Confederate States;

S. 153. An act appropriating, for the use of the Post-Office Department, certain moneys deposited by postmasters with the depositaries of the Government created under the act approved February 17, 1864; and

S. 159. An act to secure more effectually the preservation and distribution of the effects of deceased officers and soldiers.

Ordered. That the Secretary inform the House of Representatives thereof.

Mr. Brown having submitted the following resolution for consideration:

Resolved. That the Committee on Military Affairs be instructed to report a bill with the least practicable delay, to take into the military service of the Confederate States a number of negro soldiers, not to exceed two hundred thousand, by voluntary enlistment, with the consent of their owners, or by conscription, as may be found necessary; and that the committee provide in said bill for the emancipation of said negroes in all cases where they prove loyal and true to the end of the war, and for the immediate payment, under proper restrictions, of their full present value to their owners,

On motion by Mr. Maxwell,

The Senate resolved into secret legislative session for the consideration thereof.

The doors having been opened,

Mr. Dortch, from the committee, reported that they had examined and found truly enrolled a bill and joint resolutions of the following titles:

S. 155. An act to regulate the pay and allowances of certain female employees of the Government;

H. R. 23. Joint resolution for the relief of the Virginia Mechanics' Institute; and

H. R. 24. Joint resolution of thanks to the officers and men of the Ninth, Fourteenth, and Fifty-seventh regiments of Virginia Infantry.

The President having signed the enrolled bill and enrolled joint

resolutions last reported to have been examined, they were delivered to the Secretary of the Senate and by him forthwith presented to the President of the Confederate States for his approval.

The following message was received from the President of the Confederate States, by Mr. B. N. Harrison, his Secretary:

RICHMOND, VA., *February 3, 1865.*

To the Senate of the Confederate States:

In response to your resolution of the 19th ultimo, I herewith transmit a communication from the Secretary of War, which conveys the information desired relative to "the number of persons in each State exempted from military service by reason of being claimed as State officers," and to "the number of exemptions and details for express, telegraphic, and railroad companies," etc., and explains the causes of delay in replying to previous resolutions on those subjects.

JEFFERSON DAVIS.

The message was read.

Ordered, That it lie upon the table and be printed.

The following message was received from the President of the Confederate States, by Mr. B. N. Harrison, his Secretary:

RICHMOND, VA., *February 3, 1865.*

To the Senate and House of Representatives:

I herewith transmit for your consideration a communication from the Secretary of the Treasury, covering an estimate for an additional appropriation required to meet the expenses of the Department of Justice during the six months ending June 30, 1865.

JEFFERSON DAVIS.

The message was read.

Ordered, That it be referred to the Committee on Finance.

The following message was received from the President of the Confederate States, by Mr. B. N. Harrison, his Secretary:

RICHMOND, VA., *February 4, 1865.*

To the Senate of the Confederate States:

In response to your resolution of November 28, 1864, I herewith transmit a communication from the Secretary of War relative to the removal of the sick and wounded officers of the Army from the almshouse in this city, which was used as a hospital, and to the accommodations which have been provided for the patients elsewhere.

JEFFERSON DAVIS.

The message was read.

Ordered, That it lie upon the table.

The following message was received from the President of the Confederate States, by Mr. B. N. Harrison, his Secretary:

RICHMOND, VA., *February 3, 1865.*

To the Senate and House of Representatives:

I herewith transmit for your consideration a communication from the Secretary of the Treasury, covering an estimate for an additional appropriation required by the Navy Department.

JEFFERSON DAVIS.

The message was read.

Ordered, That it be referred to the Committee on Finance.

On motion by Mr. Sparrow,

The Senate resolved into executive session.

The doors having been opened,

On motion by Mr. Sparrow,

The Senate adjourned.

SECRET SESSION.

The Senate proceeded to consider the resolution submitted to-day in open legislative session, by Mr. Brown, instructing the Committee on Military Affairs to report

A bill to take negro soldiers into the military service of the Confederate States, providing for their emancipation and the payment of their full present value to their owners; and

On motion by Mr. Wigfall, that the further consideration thereof be in open legislative session,

It was determined in the negative,	{ Yeas	8
	{ Nays	9

On motion of Mr. Orr,

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present, Those who voted in the affirmative are,

Messrs. Graham, Haynes, Orr, Semmes, Simms, Sparrow, Walker, and Wigfall.

Those who voted in the negative are,

Messrs. Baker, Burnett, Caperton, Dortch, Henry, Hunter, Maxwell, Vest, and Watson.

On motion by Mr. Sparrow, that the Senate resolve into open legislative session,

It was determined in the negative.

On motion by Mr. Henry, that the resolution lie upon the table,

It was determined in the negative.

On motion by Mr. Burnett, to amend the resolution by striking out "report," line 2, and inserting "inquire into the expediency of reporting,"

It was determined in the negative.

On the question,

Will the Senate agree to the resolution?

It was determined in the negative,	{ Yeas	3
	{ Nays	13

On motion by Mr. Orr,

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present, Those who voted in the affirmative are,

Messrs. Brown, Henry, and Vest.

Those who voted in the negative are,

Messrs. Baker, Caperton, Graham, Haynes, Hunter, Johnson of Missouri, Maxwell, Oldham, Orr, Semmes, Walker, Watson, and Wigfall.

So the resolution was not agreed to.

On motion by Mr. Brown,

Ordered, That the injunction of secrecy be removed from the proceedings of the Senate on the said resolution.

On motion by Mr. Dortch,

The Senate resolved into open legislative session.

EXECUTIVE SESSION.

The following message was received from the President of the Confederate States, by Mr. B. N. Harrison, his Secretary:

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT, CONFEDERATE STATES OF AMERICA,
Richmond, February 6, 1865.

To the Senate of the Confederate States:

Agreeably to the recommendation of the Secretary of War, I nominate Cadet P. P. Dandridge, of Virginia, to be a second lieutenant of infantry in the Army of the Confederate States of America.

JEFFERSON DAVIS.

No. 173.] WAR DEPARTMENT, CONFEDERATE STATES OF AMERICA,
Richmond, January 28, 1865.

SIR: I have the honor to recommend the nomination of Cadet P. P. Dandridge, of Virginia, to be a second lieutenant of infantry in the Army of the Confederate States of America, to rank from December 6, 1864.

I am, sir, respectfully, your obedient servant,

JAMES A. SEDDON,
Secretary of War.

To His Excellency JEFFERSON DAVIS,
President, &c.

The message was read.

The Senate proceeded to consider the nomination of P. P. Dandridge, to be a second lieutenant in the Army of the Confederate States; and

Resolved, That the Senate do advise and consent to his appointment, agreeably to the nomination of the President.

The following messages were received from the President of the Confederate States, by Mr. B. N. Harrison, his Secretary:

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT, CONFEDERATE STATES OF AMERICA,
Richmond, February 7, 1865.

To the Senate of the Confederate States:

Agreeably to the recommendation of the Secretary of War, I nominate the officers on the accompanying list to the grades affixed to their names, respectively.

JEFFERSON DAVIS.

No. 187.] WAR DEPARTMENT, CONFEDERATE STATES OF AMERICA,
Richmond, February 7, 1865.

SIR: I have the honor to recommend the following nominations for appointment in the Provisional Army of the Confederate States of America:

Quartermaster—major.

J. C. Stafford, of Texas, to report to Quartermaster-General for assignment to duty, to rank from June 15, 1864.

Assistant quartermaster—captain.

John H. Hunter, of Tennessee, for duty (collecting forage) with quartermaster Johnson's division, Army of Northern Virginia, to rank from January 19, 1865.

I am, sir, respectfully, your obedient servant,

JOHN C. BRECKINRIDGE,
Secretary of War.

To His Excellency JEFFERSON DAVIS,
President, &c.

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT, CONFEDERATE STATES OF AMERICA,
Richmond, February 7, 1865.

To the Senate of the Confederate States:

Agreeably to the recommendation of the Secretary of War, I nominate the officers on the accompanying list to the grades affixed to their names, respectively.

JEFFERSON DAVIS.

No. 189.]

WAR DEPARTMENT, CONFEDERATE STATES OF AMERICA,
Richmond, February 7, 1865.

SIR: I have the honor to recommend the following nominations for appointment in the Provisional Army of the Confederate States of America (for distinguished valor and skill):

Captains.

T. P. Traylor, of Virginia, to be captain Company A, Twenty-third Virginia Cavalry Regiment, vice Captain Triplett, killed, to rank from January 26, 1865.

Henry C. Britton, of Virginia, to be captain Company C, Ninth Virginia Regiment, vice Captain Gregory, deceased, to rank from January 19, 1865.

Second lieutenants.

William A. Jamieson, of Virginia, to be second lieutenant Company C, Fifth Virginia Cavalry Regiment, vice Lieutenant Dodson, promoted, to rank from January 26, 1865.

G. S. Noland, of South Carolina, to be second lieutenant Company B, Eighteenth South Carolina Regiment, vice Lieutenant Greer, promoted, to rank from January 26, 1865.

I am, sir, respectfully, your obedient servant,

JOHN C. BRECKINRIDGE,
Secretary of War.

To His Excellency JEFFERSON DAVIS,
President, &c.

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT, CONFEDERATE STATES OF AMERICA,
Richmond, February 6, 1865.

To the Senate of the Confederate States:

Agreeably to the recommendation of the Secretary of War, I nominate the officers on the accompanying list to the grades affixed to their names, respectively.

JEFFERSON DAVIS.

No. 54.]

WAR DEPARTMENT, CONFEDERATE STATES OF AMERICA,
Richmond, December 5, 1864.

SIR: I have the honor to recommend the following nominations for appointment in the Army of the Confederate States of America:

Second lieutenants of infantry.

Cadet E. A. Semple, of Alabama, to be second lieutenant infantry, to rank from February 22, 1864.

Cadet F. H. Perkins, of Louisiana, to be second lieutenant infantry, to rank from March 7, 1864.

Cadet Minor Kenner, of Louisiana, to be second lieutenant infantry, to rank from June 17, 1864.

Cadet Jos. F. Johnston, of Alabama, to be second lieutenant infantry, to rank from June 15, 1864.

Cadet J. C. H. Bryant, of Virginia, to be second lieutenant infantry, to rank from July 16, 1864.

Cadet John Taliaferro, of Virginia, to be second lieutenant infantry, to rank from June 15, 1864.

Cadet W. S. Farish, of Mississippi, to be second lieutenant infantry, to rank from August 26, 1864.

Cadet J. L. Boatwright, of South Carolina, to be second lieutenant infantry, to rank from July 26, 1864.

I am, sir, respectfully, your obedient servant,

JAMES A. SEDDON,
Secretary of War.

To His Excellency JEFFERSON DAVIS,
President, &c.

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT, CONFEDERATE STATES OF AMERICA,
Richmond, February 6, 1865.

To the Senate of the Confederate States:

Agreeably to the recommendations of the Secretary of War, I nominate the officers on the accompanying list to the grades affixed to their names, respectively.

JEFFERSON DAVIS.

No. 176.]

WAR DEPARTMENT, CONFEDERATE STATES OF AMERICA,
Richmond, January 28, 1865.

SIR: I have the honor to recommend the following nominations for appointment in the Provisional Army of the Confederate States of America:

Lieutenant-colonel.

Capt. William A. Percy, of Mississippi, to be lieutenant-colonel Twenty-fourth Mississippi Battalion Cavalry (formed, by special order, of unattached companies), to rank from January 24, 1865.

Major.

Capt. E. Roberts, of Mississippi, to be major Twenty-fourth Mississippi Battalion Cavalry (see remarks under nomination of Captain Percy), to rank from January 24, 1865.

I am, sir, respectfully, your obedient servant,

JAMES A. SEDDON,
Secretary of War.

To His Excellency JEFFERSON DAVIS,
President, etc.

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT, CONFEDERATE STATES OF AMERICA,
Richmond, February 6, 1865.

To the Senate of the Confederate States:

Agreeably to the recommendation of the Secretary of War, I nominate T. H. C. Stone, of Arkansas, to be an assistant commissary, with the rank of captain in the Provisional Army of the Confederate States of America.

JEFFERSON DAVIS.

No. 178.]

WAR DEPARTMENT, CONFEDERATE STATES OF AMERICA,
Richmond, January 31, 1865.

SIR: I have the honor to recommend the nomination of T. H. C. Stone, of Arkansas, to be an assistant commissary, with the rank of captain in the Provisional Army of the Confederate States of America, report to Lieutenant-Colonel Cole, chief commissary Army of Northern Virginia, for assignment to duty, to rank from June 14, 1864.

I am, sir, respectfully, your obedient servant,

JAMES A. SEDDON,
Secretary of War.

To His Excellency JEFFERSON DAVIS,
President, etc.

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT, CONFEDERATE STATES OF AMERICA,
Richmond, February 6, 1865.

To the Senate of the Confederate States:

Agreeably to the recommendation of the Secretary of War, I nominate John B. Sale, of Mississippi, to be an assistant adjutant-general, with the rank of colonel in the Provisional Army of the Confederate States of America.

JEFFERSON DAVIS.

No. 181.]

WAR DEPARTMENT, CONFEDERATE STATES OF AMERICA,
Richmond, February 3, 1865.

SIR: I have the honor to recommend the nomination of John B. Sale, of Mississippi, to be an assistant adjutant-general, with the rank of colonel in the Provisional Army of the Confederate States of America, to date from January 23, 1865.

I am, sir, respectfully, your obedient servant,

JAMES A. SEDDON,
Secretary of War.

To His Excellency JEFFERSON DAVIS,
President, etc.

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT, CONFEDERATE STATES OF AMERICA,
Richmond, February 6, 1865.

To the Senate of the Confederate States:

Agreeably to the recommendation of the Secretary of War, I nominate Capt. R. E. Foote, of Tennessee, to be promoted to major in the Adjutant-General's Department, Provisional Army of the Confederate States of America.

JEFFERSON DAVIS.

No. 177.]

WAR DEPARTMENT, CONFEDERATE STATES OF AMERICA,
Richmond, January 28, 1865.

SIR: I have the honor to recommend the nomination of Capt. R. E. Foote, of Tennessee, to be promoted to major in the Adjutant-General's Department, Provisional Army of the Confederate States of America, for duty with B. R. Johnson's division, Army of Northern Virginia (an original vacancy), to rank from January 27, 1865.

I am, sir, respectfully, your obedient servant,

JAMES A. SEDDON,
Secretary of War.

To His Excellency JEFFERSON DAVIS,
President, etc.

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT, CONFEDERATE STATES OF AMERICA,
Richmond, February 6, 1865.

To the Senate of the Confederate States:

Agreeably to the recommendation of the Secretary of War, I nominate J. T. Wheat, of North Carolina, to be a chaplain in the Provisional Army of the Confederate States of America.

JEFFERSON DAVIS.

No. 175.]

WAR DEPARTMENT, CONFEDERATE STATES OF AMERICA,
Richmond, January 28, 1865.

SIR: I have the honor to recommend the nomination of J. T. Wheat, of North Carolina, to be a chaplain in the Provisional Army of the Confederate States of America, for duty at Hospital No. 14, Salisbury, N. C., to rank from January 7, 1865.

I am, sir, respectfully, your obedient servant,

JAMES A. SEDDON,
Secretary of War.

To His Excellency JEFFERSON DAVIS,
President, etc.

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT, CONFEDERATE STATES OF AMERICA,
Richmond, February 6, 1865.

To the Senate of the Confederate States:

Agreeably to the recommendation of the Secretary of War, I nominate James C. Acton, of Tennessee, to be a chaplain in the Provisional Army of the Confederate States of America.

JEFFERSON DAVIS.

No. 180.]

WAR DEPARTMENT, CONFEDERATE STATES OF AMERICA,
Richmond, January 31, 1865.

SIR: I have the honor to recommend the nomination of James C. Acton, of Tennessee, to be a chaplain in the Provisional Army of the Confederate States of America, for duty at hospitals, Cuthbert, Ga., to rank from January 27, 1865.

I am, sir, respectfully, your obedient servant,

JAMES A. SEDDON,
Secretary of War.

To His Excellency JEFFERSON DAVIS,
President, etc.

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT, CONFEDERATE STATES OF AMERICA,
Richmond, February 6, 1865.

To the Senate of the Confederate States:

Agreeably to the recommendation of the Secretary of War, I nominate Jos. H. Seawell, of Alabama, to be an assistant quartermaster, with the rank of captain in the Provisional Army of the Confederate States of America.

JEFFERSON DAVIS.

No. 179.]

WAR DEPARTMENT, CONFEDERATE STATES OF AMERICA,
Richmond, January 31, 1865.

SIR: I have the honor to recommend the nomination of Jos. H. Seawell, of Alabama, to be an assistant quartermaster, with the rank of captain in the Provisional Army of the Confederate States of America, for duty with the quartermaster Battle's brigade, Army of Northern Virginia, to rank from January 7, 1865.

I am, sir, respectfully, your obedient servant,

JAMES A. SEDDON,
Secretary of War.

To His Excellency JEFFERSON DAVIS,
President, etc.

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT, CONFEDERATE STATES OF AMERICA,
Richmond, February 6, 1865.

To the Senate of the Confederate States:

Agreeably to the recommendation of the Secretary of War, I nominate Col. Thomas Harrison, of Texas, to be brigadier-general, with temporary rank (under act approved May 31, 1864), in the Provisional Army of the Confederate States of America.

JEFFERSON DAVIS.

No. 182.]

WAR DEPARTMENT, CONFEDERATE STATES OF AMERICA,
Richmond, February 4, 1865.

SIR: I have the honor to recommend the nomination of Col. Thomas Harrison, of Texas, to be brigadier-general, with temporary rank, in the Provisional Army of the Confederate States of America (under act approved May 31, 1864), to command brigade, Army of Tennessee, vice General Robertson, disabled, to rank from January 14, 1865.

I am, sir, respectfully, your obedient servant,

JAMES A. SEDDON,
Secretary of War.

To His Excellency JEFFERSON DAVIS,
President, etc.

The messages were severally read.

Ordered, That they be referred to the Committee on Military Affairs.

On motion by Mr. Sparrow,

The Senate resolved into open legislative session.

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 8, 1865.

OPEN SESSION.

A message from the House of Representatives, by Mr. Dalton:

Mr. President: The House of Representatives have passed bills and a joint resolution of the following titles; in which they request the concurrence of the Senate:

H. R. 364. An act appropriating \$10,000 to pay claims in the recruiting service of the Confederate States;

H. R. 365. An act for the relief of Maj. D. W. Hinkle, quartermaster of Finegan's and Perry's brigades; and

H. R. 26. Joint resolution for the relief of James D. Brown.

The President of the Confederate States has notified the House of Representatives that on the 3d instant he approved and signed the following acts and joint resolutions:

H. R. 242. An act to provide for sequestrating the property of persons liable to military service who have departed, or shall depart, from the Confederate States without permission;

H. R. 351. An act to provide for certain claims due the State of North Carolina;

H. R. 352. An act to provide for certain claims due the State of Louisiana;

H. R. 20. Joint resolution construing the act of January 30, 1864, increasing the compensation of certain officers and employees of the Government; and

H. R. 21. Joint resolution of thanks to Brig. Gen. John S. Williams and the officers and men under his command for their victory over the enemy at Saltville, Va., on the 2d day of October, 1864.

Mr. Johnson of Missouri (by leave) introduced

A bill (S. 186) to grant to the principal officer in each of the Executive Departments a seat upon the floor of each House of Congress; which was read the first and second times and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Mr. Semmes, from the Committee on Finance, to whom was referred the bill (H. R. 361) to provide for the reissue of bonds and certificates of indebtedness of the Confederate States in certain cases, reported it without amendment.

The Senate proceeded, as in Committee of the Whole, to the con-

sideration of the said bill; and no amendment being proposed, it was reported to the Senate.

Ordered, That it pass to a third reading.

The said bill was read the third time.

Resolved, That it pass.

Ordered, That the Secretary inform the House of Representatives thereof.

On motion by Mr. Sparrow.

Ordered, That the Committee on Military Affairs be discharged from the further consideration of the message of the President of the Confederate States of the 18th of November last, transmitting an estimate for an appropriation to pay for the steamer Phoenix, and that it be referred to the Committee on Finance.

Mr. Sparrow, from the Committee on Military Affairs, to whom was referred the bill (S. 138) to provide for the more efficient execution of conscription, and for the arrest of deserters and absentees from the Army, and who were instructed by a resolution of the Senate to inquire into the subject, reported

A bill (S. 187) to regulate the business of conscription; which was read and passed to a second reading.

Ordered, That it be printed.

On motion by Mr. Brown.

Ordered, That the Committee on Naval Affairs be discharged from the further consideration of a resolution inquiring into the expediency of transferring the Marine Corps to the Army.

Mr. Henry presented a series of resolutions passed at a meeting of the officers and men of Archer's brigade, expressing their undiminished confidence in the final success of our struggle for liberty; also a series of resolutions passed at a meeting of the officers and men of Johnson's old Tennessee brigade in relation to the present condition of the Army and the country; which were severally read.

Ordered, That they lie upon the table and be printed.

Mr. Henry (by leave) introduced

A joint resolution (S. 28) of thanks to the officers and soldiers of Gen. Bushrod Johnson's old brigade of Tennessee troops and the brigade of the late General Archer, composed of Tennessee and Maryland troops, now in the Army of Northern Virginia; which was read the first and second times and considered as in Committee of the Whole; and no amendment being proposed, it was reported to the Senate.

Ordered, That it be engrossed and read a third time.

The said resolution was read the third time.

Resolved, That it pass, and that the title thereof be as aforesaid.

Ordered, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the House of Representatives therein.

The bills and joint resolution received this day from the House of Representatives for concurrence were severally read the first and second times; and

Ordered, That the bill numbered 364 be referred to the Committee on Military Affairs and that the bill numbered 365 and the joint resolution numbered 26 be referred to the Committee on Claims.

The Senate proceeded to consider the resolution submitted by Mr. Baker on the 28th day of January last, fixing a day for the adjournment of the present session of Congress; and

On motion by Mr. Semmes,

Ordered, That the further consideration thereof be postponed until Friday next.

On motion by Mr. Burnett,

The Senate resolved into executive session.

The doors having been opened,

The President laid before the Senate a letter from Samuel J. Harrison and others, a committee, inviting the President and members of the Senate to attend a meeting of the citizens of Richmond, to be held at the African Church to-morrow at 12 o'clock m.; which was read.

Ordered, That it lie upon the table.

On motion by Mr. Orr, that when the Senate adjourn it be to Friday next,

It was determined in the negative.

On motion by Mr. Garland,

The Senate adjourned.

EXECUTIVE SESSION.

Mr. Sparrow submitted the following resolution; which was considered and agreed to:

Resolved, That the President of the Confederate States be respectfully requested to return to the Senate the transcript of the Executive Journal of the Senate, communicating to him the action of the Senate upon the nomination of E. G. Lee, to be a brigadier-general in the Provisional Army of the Confederate States of America, that the Senate may take further action upon said nomination.

Mr. Sparrow, from the Committee on Military Affairs, to whom was referred (on the 14th December, ultimo) the nomination of G. B. Hodge, to be a brigadier-general in the Provisional Army of the Confederate States, reported, with the recommendation that said nomination be confirmed.

The Senate proceeded to consider said report; and

After debate,

On the question.

Will the Senate advise and consent to the appointment of G. B. Hodge, to be brigadier-general?

It was determined in the negative,	{ Yeas -----	2
	{ Nays -----	18

On motion by Mr. Orr,

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present,

Those who voted in the affirmative are,

Messrs. Semmes and Sparrow.

Those who voted in the negative are,

Messrs. Baker, Brown, Burnett, Caperton, Dortch, Garland, Graham, Haynes, Johnson of Georgia, Johnson of Missouri, Maxwell, Oldham, Orr, Simms, Vest, Walker, Watson, and Wigfall.

So it was

Resolved, That the Senate do not advise and consent to the appointment of G. B. Hodge, to be brigadier-general, agreeably to the nomination of the President.

Mr. Sparrow, from the Committee on Military Affairs, to whom was referred (on the 30th November, ultimo) the nomination of J. U. Ansley, to be military storekeeper, with the pay and allowance of captain of infantry; and to whom was referred (on the 21st November, ultimo) the nomination of S. T. Kingsbery, to be captain of cavalry; and of

Powhatan Lockett, to be military storekeeper, Engineer Corps, with pay and allowance of captain of infantry; and J. W. Allen, to be military storekeeper of ordnance, with pay and allowance of first lieutenant of infantry (referred to same committee on the 16th December, 1864), reported, with the recommendation that all of said nominations be confirmed.

The Senate proceeded to consider said report; and in concurrence therewith, it was

Resolved, That the Senate do advise and consent to their appointment, agreeably to the nomination of the President.

Mr. Sparrow, from the Committee on Military Affairs, to whom were referred (on the 29th December, 1864) the nominations of E. Surget, M. W. Levy, and H. E. Peyton, to be lieutenant-colonels; S. L. Black, J. M. Adams, and H. E. Young, to be majors in the Adjutant-General's Department; R. H. Herbert, T. E. Ballard, B. C. Adams, W. W. Thornton, R. A. Howard, T. U. Dudley, and T. H. Bostick, to be majors in the Commissary Department; and John D. Kennedy, to be brigadier-general, with temporary rank (referred to the same committee on the 9th ultimo), reported, with the recommendation that all of said nominations be confirmed.

The Senate proceeded to consider said report; and in concurrence therewith, it was

Resolved, That the Senate do advise and consent to their appointment, agreeably to the nomination of the President.

Mr. Sparrow, from the Committee on Military Affairs, to whom were referred (on the 7th instant) the nominations of William A. Percy, to be lieutenant-colonel, and E. Roberts, to be major of cavalry; R. E. Foote, to be major in the Adjutant-General's Department; T. P. Traylor and Henry C. Britton, to be captains, and William A. Jamieson and G. S. Noland, to be second lieutenants (for distinguished valor and skill); J. C. Stafford, to be quartermaster, with the rank of major; and John H. Hunter and Jos. H. Seawell, to be assistant quartermasters, with the rank of captain; T. H. C. Stone, to be assistant commissary, with the rank of captain; James C. Acton and J. T. Wheat, to be chaplains; and Cadets E. A. Semple, F. H. Perkins, Minor Kenner, Jos. F. Johnston, J. C. H. Bryant, John Taliaferro, W. S. Farish, and J. L. Boatwright, to be second lieutenants of infantry in the Army of the Confederate States, reported, with the recommendation that all of said nominations be confirmed.

The Senate proceeded to consider said report; and in concurrence therewith, it was

Resolved, That the Senate do advise and consent to their appointment, agreeably to the nomination of the President.

The following message was received from the President of the Confederate States, by Mr. B. N. Harrison, his Secretary:

To the Senate of the Confederate States:

Agreeably to the recommendation of the Secretary of the Navy, I herewith nominate the persons named on the annexed list to the offices designated.

JEFFERSON DAVIS.

RICHMOND, VA., February 8, 1865.

No. 10.]

NAVY DEPARTMENT, CONFEDERATE STATES OF AMERICA,
Richmond, February 8, 1865.

The PRESIDENT.

SIR: I have the honor to recommend the following nominations for promotion in the Provisional Navy:

Rear-admiral.

Capt. Raphael Semmes, of Alabama, "for gallant and meritorious conduct in command of the steam sloop Alabama."

Captain.

Commander John Taylor Wood, of Louisiana, "for gallant and meritorious conduct in command of the naval expedition which, on the night of the 1st of February, 1864, cut out from under the guns of the enemy, at Newbern, N. C., the Federal gunboat Underwriter, and destroyed her; and in command of the steam sloop Tallahassee, in a cruise against the enemy's commerce, in August, 1864, in which he captured 33 of the enemy's vessels, destroyed 26 of them and bonded and released 7."

Commander.

First Lieut. Benjamin P. Loyall, of Virginia, "for gallant and meritorious conduct as second in command and executive officer of the naval expedition which, on the night of the 1st of February, 1864, cut out from under the guns of the enemy, at Newbern, N. C., the Federal gunboat Underwriter, and destroyed her."

With high regards, I am, your obedient servant,

S. R. MALLORY,
Secretary of the Navy.

The message was read.

Ordered. That it be referred to the Committee on Naval Affairs.

The following messages were received from the President of the Confederate States, by Mr. B. N. Harrison, his Secretary:

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT, CONFEDERATE STATES OF AMERICA,
Richmond, February 7, 1865.

To the Senate of the Confederate States:

Agreeably to the recommendation of the Secretary of War, I nominate Col. William McComb, of Tennessee, to be brigadier-general in the Provisional Army of the Confederate States of America.

JEFFERSON DAVIS.

No. 184.]

WAR DEPARTMENT, CONFEDERATE STATES OF AMERICA,
Richmond, February 7, 1865.

SIR: I have the honor to recommend the nomination of Col. William McComb, of Tennessee, to be brigadier-general in the Provisional Army of the Confederate States of America, to command brigade, Army of Northern Virginia, vice General Archer, deceased, to rank from January 20, 1865.

I am, sir, respectfully, your obedient servant,

JOHN C. BRECKINRIDGE,
Secretary of War.

To His Excellency JEFFERSON DAVIS,
President, etc.

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT, CONFEDERATE STATES OF AMERICA,
Richmond, February 7, 1865.

To the Senate of the Confederate States:

Agreeably to the recommendation of the Secretary of War, I nominate F. C. Clewell, of Missouri, to be adjutant First Missouri Cavalry Regiment, in the Provisional Army of the Confederate States of America.

JEFFERSON DAVIS.

No. 183.]

WAR DEPARTMENT, CONFEDERATE STATES OF AMERICA,
Richmond, February 7, 1865.

SIR: I have the honor to recommend the nomination of F. C. Clewell, of Missouri, to be adjutant First Missouri Cavalry Regiment, in the Provisional Army of the Confederate States of America (an original vacancy), to rank from April 22, 1863.

I am, sir, respectfully, your obedient servant,

JOHN C. BRECKINRIDGE,
Secretary of War.

To His Excellency JEFFERSON DAVIS,
President, &c.

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT, CONFEDERATE STATES OF AMERICA,
Richmond, February 7, 1865.

To the Senate of the Confederate States:

Agreeably to the recommendation of the Secretary of War, I nominate the officers on the accompanying list to the grades affixed to their names, respectively.

JEFFERSON DAVIS.

No. 191.]

WAR DEPARTMENT, CONFEDERATE STATES OF AMERICA,
Richmond, February 6, 1865.

SIR: I have the honor to recommend the following nominations for promotion in the Provisional Army of the Confederate States of America:

Colonel.

Lieut. Col. W. H. Forney, of Alabama, to be colonel Tenth Alabama Regiment, vice Colonel Woodward, killed, to rank from June 27, 1862.

Lieutenant-colonels.

Maj. W. H. Fitz Gerald, of Mississippi, to be lieutenant-colonel Twenty-first Mississippi Regiment, vice Lieutenant-Colonel Sims, deceased, to rank from October 19, 1864.

Maj. F. W. Cox, of Virginia, to be lieutenant-colonel Fortieth Virginia Regiment, vice Lieutenant-Colonel Walker, promoted, to rank from August 26, 1862.

Maj. William T. Smith, of Alabama, to be lieutenant-colonel Tenth Alabama Regiment, vice Lieutenant-Colonel Forney, promoted, to rank from November 26, 1864.

Maj. B. H. Gee, of Georgia, to be lieutenant-colonel Fifty-ninth Georgia Regiment, vice Lieutenant-Colonel Harris, resigned, to rank from July 10, 1863.

Maj. John S. Prather, of ———, to be lieutenant-colonel Eighth Confederate Regiment Cavalry, vice Lieutenant-Colonel Falkner, resigned, to rank from December 16, 1862.

Capt. James A. Broome, of Alabama, to be lieutenant-colonel Fourteenth Alabama Regiment, vice Major Wood, promoted, and Lieutenant-Colonel Baine, deceased, to rank from July 8, 1862.

Majors.

Capt. H. A. Edmundson, of Virginia, to be major Fifty-third Virginia Regiment, vice Major Timberlake, promoted, to rank from October 22, 1864.

Capt. L. W. Johnson, of Alabama, to be major Tenth Alabama Regiment, vice Major Smith, promoted, to rank from November 26, 1864.

Capt. W. K. Perrin, of Virginia, to be major Twenty-sixth Virginia Regiment, vice Major Fitzhugh, deceased, to rank from June 18, 1864.

Capt. W. H. Fickling, of Georgia, to be major Fifty-ninth Georgia Regiment, vice Major Gee, promoted, to rank from July 10, 1863.

I am, sir, respectfully, your obedient servant,

JOHN C. BRECKINRIDGE,
Secretary of War.

To His Excellency JEFFERSON DAVIS,
President, &c.

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT, CONFEDERATE STATES OF AMERICA,
Richmond, February 7, 1865.

To the Senate of the Confederate States:

Agreeably to the recommendation of the Secretary of War, I nominate the officers on the accompanying list to the grades affixed to their names, respectively.

JEFFERSON DAVIS.

No. 190.]

WAR DEPARTMENT, CONFEDERATE STATES OF AMERICA,
Richmond, February 7, 1865.

SIR: I have the honor to recommend the following nominations for appointment in the Provisional Army of the Confederate States of America:

Aids-de-camp—first lieutenants.

William Eggleston, of South Carolina, to be aid to Brigadier-General Starke (an original vacancy), to rank from January 30, 1865.

C. F. Hampton, of South Carolina, to be aid to Major-General Hampton, vice Lient. P. Hampton, killed, to rank from December 18, 1864.

I am, sir, respectfully, your obedient servant,

JOHN C. BRECKINRIDGE,
Secretary of War.

To His Excellency JEFFERSON DAVIS,
President, etc.

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT, CONFEDERATE STATES OF AMERICA,
Richmond, February 7, 1865.

To the Senate of the Confederate States:

Agreeably to the recommendation of the Secretary of War, I nominate Maj. George W. Day, of Tennessee, to be lieutenant-colonel Twelfth Tennessee Battalion Cavalry, in the Provisional Army of the Confederate States of America.

JEFFERSON DAVIS.

No. 188.]

WAR DEPARTMENT, CONFEDERATE STATES OF AMERICA,
Richmond, February 7, 1865.

SIR: I have the honor to recommend the nomination of Maj. George W. Day, of Tennessee, to be lieutenant-colonel Twelfth Tennessee Battalion Cavalry, in the Provisional Army of the Confederate States of America (an original vacancy, caused by increasing the battalion to six companies), to rank from January 19, 1865.

I am, sir, respectfully, your obedient servant,

JOHN C. BRECKINRIDGE,
Secretary of War.

To His Excellency JEFFERSON DAVIS,
President, etc.

The messages were severally read.

Ordered, That they be referred to the Committee on Military Affairs.

On motion by Mr. Brown, the Senate resolved into open legislative session.

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 9, 1865.

OPEN SESSION.

On motion by Mr. Caperton,
The Senate adjourned.

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 10, 1865.

OPEN SESSION.

Mr. Garland (by leave) introduced

A bill (S. 188) to construe the fourth paragraph of the fifth section of the act to levy additional taxes for the common defense and support of the Government, approved February 17, 1864, and to explain more fully the true intent and meaning thereof; which was read the first and second times and referred to the Committee on Finance.

Mr. Sparrow, from the Committee on Military Affairs, reported

A bill (S. 189) to amend the several acts for the establishment and organization of a general staff for the armies of the Confederate States;

which was read the first and second times and considered as in Committee of the Whole; and no amendment being proposed, it was reported to the Senate.

Ordered, That it be engrossed and read a third time.

The said bill was read the third time.

Resolved, That it pass, and that the title thereof be as aforesaid.

Ordered, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the House of Representatives therein.

Mr. Sparrow, from the Committee on Military Affairs, to whom was referred the bill (H. R. 364) appropriating \$10,000 to pay claims in the recruiting service of the Confederate States, reported it without amendment.

The Senate proceeded, as in Committee of the Whole, to the consideration of the said bill; and no amendment being proposed, it was reported to the Senate.

Ordered, That it pass to a third reading.

The said bill was read the third time.

On the question,

Shall the bill now pass?

It was determined in the affirmative.	{ Yeas -----	16
	{ Nays -----	0

The vote having been taken by yeas and nays, as required by the ninth section of the first article of the Constitution,

Those who voted in the affirmative are,

Messrs. Baker, Dortch, Garland, Graham, Haynes, Hunter, Johnson of Georgia, Maxwell, Oldham, Orr, Semmes, Sparrow, Vest, Walker, Watson, and Wigfall.

So it was

Resolved, That this bill pass, two-thirds of the Senate having voted therefor.

Ordered, That the Secretary inform the House of Representatives thereof.

A message from the House of Representatives, by Mr. Dalton:

Mr. President: The House of Representatives agree to the amendment of the Senate to the sixth amendment of the House to the bill (S. 129) to provide for the employment of free negroes and slaves to work upon fortifications and perform other labor connected with the defenses of the country, insist upon their third, tenth, and eleventh amendments, disagreed to by the Senate to the said bill, ask a conference upon the disagreeing votes of the two Houses thereon, and have appointed Messrs. Chambers, Baldwin, and Sexton managers at said conference on their part.

The House of Representatives disagree to the amendment of the Senate to the amendments of the House to the bill of the Senate (S. 117) to authorize the commanders of the reserves in each State to order general courts-martial and to revise the proceedings of courts-martial and military courts, ask a conference on the disagreeing votes of the two Houses thereon, and have appointed Messrs. Marshall, Simpson, and Handy managers at said conference on their part.

The House of Representatives disagree to the amendment of the Senate to the bill (H. R. 304) to increase the efficiency of the cavalry of the Confederate States, ask a conference on the disagreeing votes of the two Houses thereon, and have appointed Messrs. Wickham, Clark, and Turner managers at said conference on their part.

The House of Representatives disagree to the amendments of the Senate to the bill (H. R. 229) to provide more effectually for the reduction and redemption of the currency, ask a conference on the disagreeing votes of the two Houses thereon, and

have appointed Messrs. Lyon, Russell, Perkins, Colyar, and Anderson managers at the said conference on their part.

The House of Representatives have passed a joint resolution (H. R. 27) for the relief of the legal representatives of John R. Cardwell; in which they request the concurrence of the Senate.

They have passed a bill and joint resolution of the Senate of the following titles:

S. 168. An act to authorize the appointment of a commissary-general, with the rank of a brigadier-general; and

S. 27. Joint resolution of thanks to Capt. Raphael Semmes, of the Confederate States war steamer Alabama, and the officers and crew under his command.

And they have passed a resolution fixing a day for the adjournment of the present session of Congress; in which they request the concurrence of the Senate.

The Speaker of the House of Representatives having signed an enrolled bill, I am directed to bring it to the Senate for the signature of their President.

On motion by Mr. Baker, and by unanimous consent,

Ordered, That 200 copies of the report of the Postmaster-General, of April 29, 1861, be printed for the use of the Senate.

Mr. Wigfall presented certain documents in relation to the inferior quality of tobacco distributed to the Army; which were referred to the Committee on Military Affairs.

The Senate proceeded to consider the resolution of the House of Representatives fixing a day for the adjournment of the present session of Congress; and

On motion by Mr. Wigfall, that the further consideration thereof be postponed until Monday, the 20th instant,

It was determined in the negative.

On motion by Mr. Semmes, that the further consideration of the resolution be postponed until Tuesday next,

It was determined in the negative.

On the question,

Will the Senate agree to the resolution?

It was determined in the negative,	} Yeas ----- 11 Nays ----- 11

On motion by Mr. Burnett,

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present,
Those who voted in the affirmative are,

Messrs. Baker, Brown, Dortch, Garland, Graham, Haynes, Johnson of Georgia, Johnson of Missouri, Maxwell, Sparrow, and Walker.

Those who voted in the negative are,

Messrs. Burnett, Caperton, Henry, Hunter, Oldham, Orr, Semmes, Simms, Vest, Watson, and Wigfall.

So the resolution was not agreed to.

Ordered, That the Secretary inform the House of Representatives thereof.

Mr. Maxwell submitted the following motion for consideration:

Ordered, That the vote on disagreeing to the resolution of the House of Representatives fixing a day for the adjournment of the present session of Congress be reconsidered.

The Senate proceeded to consider the amendments of the House of Representatives to the bill (S. 129) to provide for the employment of free negroes and slaves to work upon fortifications and perform other labor connected with the defenses of the country, insisted on by the House of Representatives; and

On motion by Mr. Sparrow,

Resolved, That the Senate insist on their disagreement to the amendments of the House of Representatives to the said bill, and agree to

the conference asked by the House on the disagreeing votes of the two Houses thereon.

On motion by Mr. Sparrow,

Ordered, That the committee of conference on the part of the Senate be appointed by the President pro tempore; and

Mr. Burnett, Mr. Graham, and Mr. Caperton were appointed.

Ordered, That the Secretary inform the House of Representatives thereof.

The Senate proceeded to consider their amendment, disagreed to by the House of Representatives, to the amendments of the House to the bill (S. 117) to authorize the commanders of the reserves in each State to order general courts-martial and to revise the proceedings of courts-martial and military courts; and

On motion by Mr. Sparrow,

Resolved, That the Senate insist upon their amendment to the amendments of the House of Representatives to the said bill, and agree to the conference asked by the House on the disagreeing votes of the two Houses thereon.

On motion by Mr. Sparrow,

Ordered, That the committee of conference on the part of the Senate be appointed by the President pro tempore; and

Mr. Henry, Mr. Dortch, and Mr. Simms were appointed.

Ordered, That the Secretary inform the House of Representatives thereof.

The Senate proceeded to consider their amendment, disagreed to by the House of Representatives, to the bill (H. R. 304) to increase the efficiency of the cavalry of the Confederate States; and

On motion by Mr. Sparrow,

Resolved, That the Senate insist on their amendment to the said bill, and agree to the conference asked by the House of Representatives on the disagreeing votes of the two Houses thereon.

On motion by Mr. Sparrow,

Ordered, That the committee of conference on the part of the Senate be appointed by the President pro tempore; and

Mr. Wigfall, Mr. Johnson of Missouri, and Mr. Haynes were appointed.

Ordered, That the Secretary inform the House of Representatives thereof.

The Senate proceeded to consider their amendments, disagreed to by the House of Representatives, to the bill (H. R. 229) to provide more effectually for the reduction and redemption of the currency; and

On motion by Mr. Semmes,

Resolved, That the Senate insist on their amendments to the said bill, and agree to the conference asked by the House of Representatives on the disagreeing votes of the two Houses thereon.

On motion by Mr. Semmes,

Ordered, That the committee of conference on the part of the Senate be appointed by the President pro tempore; and

Mr. Semmes, Mr. Graham, and Mr. Oldham were appointed.

Ordered, That the Secretary inform the House of Representatives thereof.

The joint resolution (H. R. 27) for the relief of the legal representatives of John R. Cardwell was read the first and second times and referred to the Committee on Claims.

Mr. Caperton, from the committee, reported that they had examined and found truly enrolled

A bill (H. R. 361) to provide for the reissue of bonds and certificates of indebtedness of the Confederate States in certain cases.

The President pro tempore having signed the enrolled bill last reported to have been examined, it was delivered to the Secretary of the Senate and by him forthwith presented to the President of the Confederate States for his approval.

Mr. Burnett, from the Committee on Claims, to whom was referred the joint resolution (H. R. 26) for the relief of James D. Brown, reported it without amendment.

The Senate proceeded, as in Committee of the Whole, to the consideration of the said resolution; and no amendment being proposed, it was reported to the Senate.

Ordered, That it pass to a third reading.

The said resolution was read the third time.

Resolved, That it pass.

Ordered, That the Secretary inform the House of Representatives thereof.

Mr. Burnett, from the Committee on Claims, to whom was referred the bill (H. R. 365) for the relief of Maj. D. W. Hinkle, quartermaster of Finegan's and Perry's brigades, reported it without amendment and submitted a report (No. 7); which was ordered to be printed.

Mr. Oldham (by leave) introduced

A bill (S. 190) to provide for raising 200,000 negro troops; which was read the first and second times and referred to the Committee on Military Affairs.

Ordered, That it be printed.

The Senate proceeded, as in Committee of the Whole, to the consideration of the bill (S. 173) to receive volunteer troops for the war; and

On motion by Mr. Burnett,

Ordered, That the further consideration thereof be postponed until Monday next.

The Senate proceeded, as in Committee of the Whole, to the consideration of the bill (S. 162) to amend an act entitled "An act to impose regulations upon the foreign commerce of the Confederate States to provide for the public defense," approved February 6, 1864; and

On motion by Mr. Watson,

Ordered, That it be transferred to the Secret Legislative Calendar.

The bill (S. 181) to provide supplies for the Army, and to prescribe the mode of making impressments, was read the second time and considered as in Committee of the Whole; and

On motion by Mr. Wigfall,

Ordered, That the further consideration thereof be postponed until Monday next.

The bill (S. 180) to amend an act entitled "An act to prevent the procuring, aiding, and assisting persons to desert from the Army of the Confederate States, and for other purposes," approved January 22, 1864, was read the second time and considered as in Committee of the Whole; and no amendment being proposed, it was reported to the Senate.

Ordered, That it be engrossed and read a third time:

The said bill was read the third time.

Resolved, That it pass, and that the title thereof be as aforesaid.

Ordered, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the House of Representatives therein.

The Senate proceeded, as in Committee of the Whole, to the consideration of the bill (H. R. 350) to diminish the number of exemptions and details.

On motion by Mr. Orr, to amend the bill by striking out the first section.

It was determined in the negative.

On motion by Mr. Orr, to amend the bill by inserting at the end of the first section the following proviso:

Provided, That exemptions of persons over forty-five years of age may be granted under the provisions of the act aforesaid.

It was determined in the affirmative, } Yeas..... 12
 } Nays 8

On motion by Mr. Orr,

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present, Those who voted in the affirmative are,

Messrs. Baker, Brown, Caperton, Graham, Hunter, Johnson of Georgia, Maxwell, Oldham, Orr, Walker, Watson, and Wigfall.

Those who voted in the negative are,

Messrs. Burnett, Dortch, Garland, Haynes, Henry, Simms, Sparrow, and Vest.

The bill having been further amended,

On motion by Mr. Orr,

Ordered, That the further consideration thereof be postponed to and made the special order for Monday next, at 1 o'clock.

On motion by Mr. Walker,

The Senate resolved into executive session.

The doors having been opened,

The following message was received from the President of the Confederate States, by Mr. B. N. Harrison, his Secretary:

RICHMOND, VA., February 10, 1865.

To the Senate and House of Representatives:

I herewith transmit for your consideration a communication from the Secretary of the Treasury, covering an estimate for an additional appropriation required by the Navy Department.

JEFFERSON DAVIS.

The message was read.

Ordered, That it be referred to the Committee on Finance.

A message from the President of the Confederate States, by Mr. B. N. Harrison, his Secretary:

Mr. President: On the 8th instant the President of the Confederate States approved and signed an act (S. 155) to regulate the pay and allowances of certain female employees of the Government.

Ordered, That the Secretary inform the House of Representatives thereof.

On motion by Mr. Henry,

The Senate adjourned.

SECRET SESSION.

A message from the House of Representatives, by Mr. Dalton:

Mr. President: The President of the Confederate States has notified the House of Representatives that on the 3d instant he approved and signed an act (H. R. 357) making an appropriation for the redemption of one-fortieth of the three million pounds foreign loan, due March 1, 1864.

A message from the President of the Confederate States, by Mr. B. N. Harrison, his Secretary:

Mr. President: On the 8th instant the President of the Confederate States approved and signed a joint resolution (S. 25) to amend a joint resolution entitled "Joint resolution on the subject of retaliation," approved May 1, 1863.

Ordered, That the Secretary inform the House of Representatives thereof.

The Senate resumed, as in Committee of the Whole, the consideration of the bill (S. 162) to amend an act entitled "An act to impose regulations upon the foreign commerce of the Confederate States to provide for the public defense," approved February 6, 1864; and having been amended, on the motion of Mr. Oldham, it was reported to the Senate and the amendment was concurred in.

Ordered, That the bill be engrossed and read a third time.

The said bill was read the third time.

Resolved, That it pass, and that the title thereof be as aforesaid.

Ordered, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the House of Representatives therein.

On motion by Mr. Oldham,

Ordered, That the injunction of secrecy be removed from the proceedings of the Senate on the bill (S. 162) last mentioned.

Mr. Henry submitted the following resolution; which was considered and agreed to:

Resolved, That the Committee on Finance be instructed to inquire into the expediency of taking for the public use all cotton, tobacco, and naval stores now in exposed districts and liable to capture by the enemy, by paying to the owner the market value for the same in Confederate Treasury notes or their equivalent in gold; and that the said committee also inquire into the expediency of authorizing the President to sell or dispose of the same for the public use.

On motion by Mr. Burnett,

The Senate resolved into open legislative session.

EXECUTIVE SESSION.

Mr. Graham, from the Committee on Naval Affairs, to whom were referred (on the 8th instant) the nominations of Capt. Raphael Semmes, to be rear-admiral; Commander John Taylor Wood, to be captain, and First Lieut. Benjamin P. Loyall, to be commander, "for gallant and meritorious conduct," etc., reported, with the recommendation that all of said nominations be confirmed.

The Senate proceeded to consider said report; and in concurrence therewith, it was

Resolved, That the Senate do advise and consent to their appointment, agreeably to the nomination of the President.

The following messages were received from the President of the Confederate States, by Mr. B. N. Harrison, his Secretary:

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT, CONFEDERATE STATES OF AMERICA,

Richmond, February 10, 1865.

To the Senate of the Confederate States:

Agreeably to the recommendation of the Secretary of War, I nominate T. Bullitt Alexander, of Kentucky, to be second lieutenant, Corps of Cavalry, Army of the Confederate States of America.

JEFFERSON DAVIS.

No. 197.]

WAR DEPARTMENT, CONFEDERATE STATES OF AMERICA,
Richmond, February 10, 1865.

SIR: I have the honor to recommend the nomination of T. Bullitt Alexander, of Kentucky, to be a second lieutenant, Corps of Cavalry, in the Army of the Confederate States of America, to rank from confirmation.

I am, sir, respectfully, your obedient servant,

JOHN C. BRECKINRIDGE,
Secretary of War.

To His Excellency JEFFERSON DAVIS,
President, etc.

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT, CONFEDERATE STATES OF AMERICA,
Richmond, February 8, 1865.

To the Senate of the Confederate States:

Agreeably to the recommendation of the Secretary of War, I nominate A. E. Walters, of Virginia, to be second lieutenant Company A, Eighteenth Virginia Regiment (for distinguished valor and skill), in the Provisional Army of the Confederate States of America.

JEFFERSON DAVIS.

No. 193.]

WAR DEPARTMENT, CONFEDERATE STATES OF AMERICA,
Richmond, February 8, 1865.

SIR: I have the honor to recommend the nomination of A. E. Walters, of Virginia, to be second lieutenant Company A, Eighteenth Virginia Regiment (for distinguished valor and skill), in the Provisional Army of the Confederate States of America, vice Lieutenant Paxton, deceased, to rank from January 17, 1865.

I am, sir, respectfully, your obedient servant,

JOHN C. BRECKINRIDGE,
Secretary of War.

To His Excellency JEFFERSON DAVIS,
President, etc.

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT, CONFEDERATE STATES OF AMERICA,
Richmond, February 8, 1865.

To the Senate of the Confederate States:

Agreeably to the recommendation of the Secretary of War, I nominate the officers on the accompanying list to the grades affixed to their names, respectively.

JEFFERSON DAVIS.

No. 194.]

WAR DEPARTMENT, CONFEDERATE STATES OF AMERICA,
Richmond, February 8, 1865.

SIR: I have the honor to recommend the following nominations for appointment in the Provisional Army of the Confederate States of America:

First lieutenants and adjutants.

William R. McCullough, of Maryland, to be adjutant Second Maryland Battalion Infantry, vice Lieutenant Laird, deceased, to rank from December 22, 1864.

William H. Mosby, of Virginia, to be adjutant Forty-third Virginia Battalion, Partisan Rangers, vice Lieutenant Chapman, appointed captain Company E, to rank from August 8, 1864.

I am, sir, respectfully, your obedient servant,

JOHN C. BRECKINRIDGE,
Secretary of War.

To His Excellency JEFFERSON DAVIS,
President, etc.

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT, CONFEDERATE STATES OF AMERICA,
Richmond, February 8, 1865.

To the Senate of the Confederate States:

Agreeably to the recommendation of the Secretary of War, I nominate Col. R. Lowry, of Mississippi, to be brigadier-general in the Provisional Army of the Confederate States of America.

JEFFERSON DAVIS.

No. 192.]

WAR DEPARTMENT, CONFEDERATE STATES OF AMERICA,
Richmond, February 8, 1865.

SIR: I have the honor to recommend the nomination of Col. R. Lowry, of Mississippi, to be brigadier-general in the Provisional Army of the Confederate States of America, to command brigade, Army of Tennessee, vice Gen. J. Adams, killed, to rank from February 4, 1865.

I am, sir, respectfully, your obedient servant,

JOHN C. BRECKINRIDGE,
Secretary of War.

To His Excellency JEFFERSON DAVIS,
President, etc.

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT, CONFEDERATE STATES OF AMERICA,
Richmond, February 8, 1865.

To the Senate of the Confederate States:

Agreeably to the recommendation of the Secretary of War, I nominate F. Stringfellow, of Virginia, to be second lieutenant, Signal Corps, in the Provisional Army of the Confederate States of America.

JEFFERSON DAVIS.

No. 196.]

WAR DEPARTMENT, CONFEDERATE STATES OF AMERICA,
Richmond, February 8, 1865.

SIR: I have the honor to recommend the nomination of F. Stringfellow, of Virginia, to be a second lieutenant in the Signal Corps, Provisional Army of the Confederate States of America, vice Lieutenant Crittenden, resigned, to rank from December 20, 1864.

I am, sir, respectfully, your obedient servant,

JOHN C. BRECKINRIDGE,
Secretary of War.

To His Excellency JEFFERSON DAVIS,
President, etc.

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT, CONFEDERATE STATES OF AMERICA,
Richmond, February 8, 1865.

To the Senate of the Confederate States:

Agreeably to the recommendation of the Secretary of War, I nominate the officers on the accompanying list to the grades attixed to their names, respectively.

JEFFERSON DAVIS.

No. 186.]

WAR DEPARTMENT, CONFEDERATE STATES OF AMERICA,
Richmond, February 7, 1865.

SIR: I have the honor to recommend the following nominations for appointment in the Provisional Army of the Confederate States of America:

Assistant commissaries—captains.

B. W. Smith, of South Carolina, report to Lieutenant-Colonel Cole, chief commissary Army of Northern Virginia, for assignment to duty, to rank from January 24, 1865.

H. C. Ellis, of Tennessee, for duty with Ninth Tennessee Cavalry Regiment, to rank from January 20, 1865.

I am, sir, respectfully, your obedient servant,

JOHN C. BRECKINRIDGE,
Secretary of War.

To His Excellency JEFFERSON DAVIS,
President, etc.

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT, CONFEDERATE STATES OF AMERICA,
Richmond, February 10, 1865.

To the Senate of the Confederate States:

Agreeably to the recommendation of the Secretary of War, I nominate William W. Berry, of Virginia, to be chaplain Forty-third Virginia Battalion, Partisan Rangers, in the Provisional Army of the Confederate States of America.

JEFFERSON DAVIS.

No. 195.]

WAR DEPARTMENT, CONFEDERATE STATES OF AMERICA,
Richmond, February 8, 1865.

SIR: I have the honor to recommend the nomination of William W. Berry, of Virginia, to be a chaplain in the Provisional Army of the Confederate States of America, for duty with Forty-third Virginia Battalion, Partisan Rangers, to rank from February 4, 1865.

I am, sir, respectfully, your obedient servant,

JOHN C. BRECKINRIDGE,
Secretary of War.

To His Excellency JEFFERSON DAVIS,
President, &c.

The messages were read.

Ordered, That they be referred to the Committee on Military Affairs.

On motion by Mr. Oldham,

The Senate resolved into secret legislative session.

SATURDAY. FEBRUARY 11, 1865.

OPEN SESSION.

A message from the House of Representatives, by Mr. Dalton:

Mr. President: The House of Representatives have passed a joint resolution (H. R. 28) authorizing the transfer of funds in the Quartermaster-General's Department; in which they request the concurrence of the Senate.

And they have passed the joint resolution of the Senate (S. 26) of thanks to Mr. John Lancaster, of England, for his friendly conduct toward the commander, officers, and crew of the Alabama.

The President of the Confederate States has notified the House of Representatives that on the 8th instant he approved and signed the following joint resolutions:

H. R. 23. Joint resolution for the relief of the Virginia Mechanics' Institute; and

H. R. 24. Joint resolution of thanks to the officers and men of the Ninth, Fourteenth, and Fifty-seventh regiments of Virginia Infantry.

The Speaker of the House of Representatives having signed an enrolled bill and an enrolled joint resolution, I am directed to bring them to the Senate for the signature of their President.

Mr. Dortch submitted the following resolution; which was considered and agreed to:

Resolved, That the Committee on Military Affairs be instructed to inquire into the propriety of providing by law that supernumerary officers and officers of the Invalid Corps shall be assigned to the command of companies of junior reserves.

The President pro tempore laid before the Senate the memorial of clerks in the Treasury Department, praying an increase of compensation; which was referred to the Committee on Finance.

Mr. Haynes, from the Committee on the Judiciary, to whom was referred the bill (S. 179) to amend an act to provide for holding elections for Representatives in the Congress of the Confederate States from the State of Missouri, approved January 19, 1864, reported it without amendment.

The Senate proceeded, as in Committee of the Whole, to the consideration of the said bill; and no amendment being proposed, it was reported to the Senate.

Ordered, That it be engrossed and read a third time.

The said bill was read the third time.

Resolved, That it pass, and that the title thereof be as aforesaid.

Ordered, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the House of Representatives therein.

The joint resolution (H. R. 28) authorizing the transfer of funds in the Quartermaster-General's Department was read the first and second times and referred to the Committee on Finance.

The Senate proceeded, as in Committee of the Whole, to the consideration of the bill (S. 152) to amend the several acts in regard to military storekeepers of ordnance; and no amendment being proposed, it was reported to the Senate.

On the question,

Shall the bill be engrossed and read a third time?

It was determined in the negative.

So the bill was rejected.

The bill (S. 184) to exempt from military service skilled artisans and mechanics was read the second time and considered as in Committee of the Whole; and

On motion by Mr. Sparrow,

Ordered, That the further consideration thereof be postponed until Monday next.

Mr. Dortch, from the committee, reported that they had examined and found truly enrolled a bill and joint resolution of the following titles:

S. 168. An act to authorize the appointment of a commissary-general, with the rank of a brigadier-general; and

S. 27. Joint resolution of thanks to Capt. Raphael Semmes, of the Confederate States war steamer Alabama, and the officers and crew under his command.

The President pro tempore having signed the enrolled bill and enrolled joint resolution last reported to have been examined, they were delivered to the Secretary of the Senate and by him forthwith presented to the President of the Confederate States for his approval.

The bill (S. 187) to regulate the business of conscription was read the second time and considered as in Committee of the Whole.

On motion by Mr. Orr, to amend the bill by inserting after "health," section 5, line 5, the words "or that he is seriously maimed, or manifestly unfit for field service,"

It was determined in the affirmative.

On motion by Mr. Sparrow, to amend the bill by inserting after "three," section 6, line 2, the words "surgeons, two of whom shall be,"

It was determined in the affirmative.

On motion by Mr. Sparrow, to amend the bill by striking out "two," section 6, line 4, and inserting "three."

It was determined in the affirmative.

An amendment having been proposed by Mr. Watson,

On motion by Mr. Orr,

Ordered, That the further consideration of the bill be postponed until Monday next, and that the proposed amendment be printed.

Mr. Burnett (by leave) introduced

A bill (S. 191) to abolish the office of all officers engaged in discharging the duties of provost-marshal, except within the lines of an army in the field;

which was read and passed to a second reading.

Ordered, That it be printed.

Mr. Semmes presented a series of resolutions passed at a meeting of the officers and men of the Washington Artillery in relation to the

present condition of the country; which were ordered to lie upon the table and be printed.

On motion by Mr. Wigfall,

The Senate resolved into secret legislative session.

The doors having been opened,

On motion by Mr. Haynes,

The Senate adjourned.

SECRET SESSION.

Mr. Wigfall submitted the following resolution for consideration:

Resolved, That the Honorable Judah P. Benjamin, Secretary of State, having, in the opinion of the Senate, lost the confidence of the country as a wise and discreet cabinet minister, will subserve the public interests by retiring from the State Department.

Resolved, That the Secretary of the Senate be directed to inclose copies of the foregoing resolution to President Davis and to the Honorable J. P. Benjamin.

The Senate proceeded to consider the said resolution; and

On motion by Mr. Garland,

Ordered, That the further consideration thereof be postponed until Monday next.

On motion by Mr. Haynes,

The Senate resolved into open legislative session.

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 13, 1865.

OPEN SESSION.

A message from the House of Representatives, by Mr. Dalton:

Mr. President: The House of Representatives have passed a bill (H. R. 368) for the relief of James Sykes, agent of James W. Sykes; in which they request the concurrence of the Senate.

The Speaker of the House of Representatives having signed an enrolled bill and an enrolled joint resolution, I am directed to bring them to the Senate for the signature of their President.

Mr. Walker presented a series of resolutions passed at a meeting of the officers and men of Law's brigade in relation to the condition of the country and the prosecution of the war; which were ordered to lie upon the table and be printed.

Mr. Caperton presented a series of resolutions passed at a meeting of the officers and men of Parker's battery of Virginia Artillery in relation to the terms of peace proposed by the United States Government and to the prosecution of the war; which were ordered to lie upon the table and be printed.

Mr. Sparrow, from the Committee on Military Affairs, who were instructed by a resolution of the Senate to inquire into the subject, reported

A bill (S. 192) to amend the act entitled "An act to organize forces to serve during the war," approved February 17, 1864; which was read and passed to a second reading.

Ordered, That it be printed.

Mr. Sparrow, from the Committee on Military Affairs, to whom was referred the bill (S. 190) to provide for raising 200,000 negro troops, reported it with an amendment.

Ordered, That the amendment be printed.

Mr. Sparrow, from the Committee on Military Affairs, reported

A joint resolution (S. 29) extending the provisions of the joint resolution to allow sick and wounded officers of the Army transportation to their homes, and hospital accommodations, approved June 10, 1864; which was read the first and second times and considered as in Committee of the Whole; and no amendment being proposed, it was reported to the Senate.

Ordered, That it be engrossed and read a third time.

The said resolution was read the third time.

Resolved, That it pass, and that the title thereof be as aforesaid.

Ordered, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the House of Representatives therein.

The bill (H. R. 368) for the relief of James Sykes, agent of James W. Sykes, was read the first and second times and referred to the Committee on Claims.

The Senate resumed, as in Committee of the Whole, the consideration of the bill (S. 173) to receive volunteer troops for the war; and

On motion by Mr. Henry,

Ordered, That the further consideration thereof be postponed until to-morrow.

The Senate resumed, as in Committee of the Whole, the consideration of the bill (S. 181) to provide supplies for the Army, and to prescribe the mode of making impressments; and having been amended on the motion of Mr. Walker, it was reported to the Senate and the amendment was concurred in.

Ordered, That the bill be engrossed and read a third time.

The said bill was read the third time.

Resolved, That it pass, and that the title thereof be as aforesaid.

Ordered, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the House of Representatives therein.

The Senate resumed, as in Committee of the Whole, the consideration of the bill (S. 184) to exempt from military service skilled artisans and mechanics; and

On motion by Mr. Sparrow,

Ordered, That the further consideration thereof be postponed until Thursday next.

On motion by Mr. Caperton,

The Senate resolved into secret legislative session.

The doors having been opened,

Mr. Caperton, from the committee, reported that they had examined and found truly enrolled a bill and joint resolution of the following titles:

H. R. 364. An act appropriating \$10,000 to pay claims in the recruiting service of the Confederate States; and

S. 26. Joint resolution of thanks to Mr. John Lancaster, of England, for his friendly conduct toward the commander, officers, and crew of the Alabama.

The President pro tempore having signed the enrolled bill and enrolled joint resolution last reported to have been examined, they were delivered to the Secretary of the Senate and by him forthwith presented to the President of the Confederate States for his approval.

On motion by Mr. Orr,

The Senate adjourned.

SECRET SESSION.

The Senate resumed the consideration of the resolution submitted by Mr. Wigfall on the 11th instant, declaring that the retirement of the Hon. Judah P. Benjamin from the State Department will be subservient of the public interests.

The resolution having been modified by Mr. Wigfall so as to read as follows, to wit:

Whereas the Honorable J. P. Benjamin was appointed to the office of Secretary of State, by and with the advice and consent of the Senate; and

Whereas that body is now satisfied that the appointment has proved unfortunate, and is one which would not now be advised or consented to, and that the said J. P. Benjamin is not a wise and prudent Secretary of State, and has not the confidence of the country; Therefore,

Resolved, That the President be advised of this opinion of the Senate, and most respectfully requested to take such action in the premises as he may deem proper.

On motion by Mr. Sparrow, that the resolution be transferred to the Open Legislative Calendar,

It was determined in the negative, { Yeas	6
{ Nays	15

On motion by Mr. Orr,

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present,

Those who voted in the affirmative are,

Messrs. Brown, Garland, Oldham, Orr, Sparrow, and Wigfall.

Those who voted in the negative are,

Messrs. Baker, Burnett, Caperton, Dortch, Graham, Haynes, Henry, Hunter, Johnson of Georgia, Johnson of Missouri, Maxwell, Semmes, Vest, Walker, and Watson.

On motion by Mr. Orr,

Ordered, That the resolution be transferred to the Calendar of Executive Business.

On motion by Mr. Watson,

The Senate resolved into executive session.

EXECUTIVE SESSION.

The Senate resumed the consideration of the resolution submitted by Mr. Wigfall on the 11th instant, in secret legislative session, declaring that the retirement of the Hon. Judah P. Benjamin from the State Department will be subservient of the public interests, modified so as to read as follows, to wit:

Whereas the Honorable J. P. Benjamin was appointed to the office of Secretary of State, by and with the advice and consent of the Senate; and

Whereas that body is now satisfied that the appointment has proved unfortunate, and is one which would not now be advised or consented to, and that the said J. P. Benjamin is not a wise and prudent Secretary of State, and has not the confidence of the country; Therefore,

Resolved, That the President be advised of this opinion of the Senate, and most respectfully requested to take such action in the premises as he may deem proper.

On motion by Mr. Sparrow, to amend the preamble to the resolution by inserting after "country," line 11, the words "except the State of Louisiana,"

It was determined in the negative.

On the question,

Will the Senate agree to the resolution?

It was determined in the negative,	{ Yeas -----	11
	{ Nays -----	11

On motion by Mr. Orr,

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present, Those who voted in the affirmative are,

Messrs. Burnett, Caperton, Haynes, Johnson of Missouri, Oldham, Orr, Simms, Vest, Walker, Watson, and Wigfall.

Those who voted in the negative are,

Messrs. Baker, Brown, Dortch, Garland, Graham, Henry, Hunter, Johnson of Georgia, Maxwell, Semmes, and Sparrow.

So the resolution was not agreed to.

Mr. Sparrow, from the Committee on Military Affairs, to whom were referred (on the 16th December, 1864) the nominations of J. W. Robertson, Robert H. Lucas, John Postell, and H. A. Pattison, to be captains; William Tennant, T. A. Evans, C. G. de L'Isle, John M. Searles, and G. O. Elms, to be first lieutenants, and H. M. Scales, W. H. Johnson, William Hume, Jas. D. Harris, Jos. B. Bond, S. W. Hill, F. S. Robertson, and N. B. Whitfield, to be second lieutenants of Corps of Engineers, reported, with the recommendation that all of said nominations be confirmed.

The Senate proceeded to consider said report; and in concurrence therewith, it was

Resolved, That the Senate do advise and consent to their appointment, agreeably to the nomination of the President.

Mr. Sparrow, from the Committee on Military Affairs, to whom were referred (on the 9th ultimo) the nominations of J. C. S. Blackburn and H. H. Johnston, to be captains; and Bennett H. Young, to be first lieutenant; and (on the 23d ultimo) the nominations of J. R. B. Burtwell, to be colonel; John F. Doan, to be lieutenant-colonel, and Melville W. Sale, to be major of cavalry, reported, with the recommendation that all of said nominations be confirmed.

The Senate proceeded to consider said report; and in concurrence therewith, it was

Resolved, That the Senate do advise and consent to their appointment, agreeably to the nomination of the President.

Mr. Sparrow, from the Committee on Military Affairs, to whom were referred (on the 7th instant) the nomination of John B. Sale, to be colonel in the Adjutant-General's Department; and (on the 8th instant) the nominations of William McComb, to be brigadier-general; W. H. Forney, to be colonel; W. H. Fitz Gerald, F. W. Cox, William T. Smith, B. H. Gee, John S. Prather, and James A. Broome, to be lieutenant-colonels; H. A. Edmundson, L. W. Johnson, W. K. Perrin, and W. H. Fickling, to be majors; George W. Day, to be lieutenant-colonel, and F. C. Clewell, to be adjutant of cavalry, reported, with the recommendation that all of said nominations be confirmed.

The Senate proceeded to consider said report; and in concurrence therewith, it was

Resolved, That the Senate do advise and consent to their appointment, agreeably to the nomination of the President.

Mr. Sparrow, from the Committee on Military Affairs, to whom were referred (on the 10th instant) the nominations of R. Lowry, to be brigadier-general; B. W. Smith and H. C. Ellis, to be assistant commissaries, with the rank of captain; William W. Berry, to be chaplain;

William R. McCullough and William H. Mosby, to be adjutants, with the rank of first lieutenant; T. Bullitt Alexander, to be second lieutenant of cavalry, in the Army of the Confederate States; and A. E. Walters, to be second lieutenant of infantry (for distinguished valor and skill), reported, with the recommendation that all of said nominations be confirmed.

The Senate proceeded to consider said report; and in concurrence therewith, it was

Resolved, That the Senate do advise and consent to their appointment, agreeably to the nomination of the President.

On motion by Mr. Sparrow,

The Senate resolved into open legislative session.

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 14, 1865.

OPEN SESSION.

A message from the House of Representatives, by Mr. Dalton:

Mr. President: The House of Representatives have passed the joint resolution of the Senate (S. 28) of thanks to the officers and soldiers of Gen. Bushrod Johnson's old brigade of Tennessee troops and the brigade of the late General Archer, composed of Tennessee and Maryland troops, now in the Army of Northern Virginia.

The House of Representatives have agreed to the report of the committee of conference on the disagreeing votes of the two Houses on the bill (H. R. 304) to increase the efficiency of the cavalry of the Confederate States.

Mr. Sparrow presented a series of resolutions passed at a meeting of the officers and men of the Donaldsonville Artillery in relation to the measures best calculated to secure peace, and urging a vigorous prosecution of the war; which were ordered to lie upon the table and be printed.

Mr. Watson presented a series of resolutions passed at a meeting of the officers and men of Davis' brigade, recommending Congress to put negro troops in the Army; which were ordered to lie upon the table and be printed.

Mr. Caperton submitted the following resolution; which was considered and agreed to:

Resolved, That the Committee on Naval Affairs be instructed to inquire whether the proposed appropriations for completing and building ironclads and other vessels of war for river and harbor defense may not be reduced with safety to the public interest.

Mr. Johnson of Missouri, from the committee of conference on the part of the Senate on the disagreeing votes of the two Houses on the bill (H. R. 304) to increase the efficiency of the cavalry of the Confederate States, reported

That they have had the same under consideration and report that they recommend that the Senate recede from their amendment to the bill, and that the House bill be amended by striking out all from the word "That," in the second line, down to and including the word "serving," in the fifth line of the first section, and inserting as follows: "the Secretary of War, upon application from the general commanding an army in the field with which any regiment, battalion, or company of cavalry is serving, is hereby authorized."

The Senate proceeded to consider the said report; and

On motion by Mr. Henry,

Resolved, That they concur therein, and that the bill be amended accordingly.

Ordered, That the Secretary inform the House of Representatives thereof.

The Senate resumed, as in Committee of the Whole, the consideration of the bill (S. 173) to receive volunteer troops for the war; and

An amendment having been proposed by Mr. Henry,

On motion by Mr. Henry,

Ordered, That the further consideration of the bill be postponed until Thursday next, and that the amendment be printed.

A message from the President of the Confederate States, by Mr. B. N. Harrison, his Secretary:

Mr. President: On the 11th instant the President of the Confederate States approved and signed the following act and joint resolution:

S. 168. An act to authorize the appointment of a commissary-general, with the rank of a brigadier-general; and

S. 27. Joint resolution of thanks to Capt. Raphael Semmes, of the Confederate States war steamer Alabama, and the officers and crew under his command.

Ordered, That the Secretary inform the House of Representatives thereof.

The Senate resumed, as in Committee of the Whole, the consideration of the bill (S. 187) to regulate the business of conscription.

On motion by Mr. Orr, to amend the bill by inserting after "service," section 5, line 5, the words "or shall present to such enrolling officer a certificate of discharge on account of permanent disability, heretofore granted,"

It was determined in the affirmative.

On the question to agree to the amendment proposed to the bill by Mr. Watson, to wit: Strike out all after the enacting clause and insert:

That there shall be established at the city of Richmond, under the orders of the President and Secretary of War, a bureau of conscription for the purpose of supervising, controlling, and directing all matters concerning the administration of conscription, and of performing such other duties in relation thereto as, by regulations, the Secretary of War may charge on said bureau; and the President is authorized to assign to the superintendence and management of said bureau such officer as he may select: *Provided*, That such officer shall not be of rank below that of brigadier-general: *And provided*, That said officer shall not, during such time as he is exercising the office of superintendent, hold or exercise any actual military command in the field, nor in the reserve forces, nor in any other military organization. And with like limitations the President shall assign to duty in said bureau one officer with the rank of colonel, one officer with the rank of lieutenant-colonel, one officer with the rank of major, one officer with the rank of captain, three officers with the rank of first lieutenant, and such clerks as may be found necessary: *Provided*, That all such officers, except the superintendent, shall be selected from the classes hereafter indicated in the sections of this act.

SEC. 2. That there shall be assigned from the General Staff, or Invalid Corps, or from officers certified by the proper medical boards to be unfit for service in the field, and from drillmasters now employed in the enrolling service, a sufficient number of officers to perform the duties herein prescribed in the several States with the temporary rank of colonel, lieutenant-colonel, major, captain, or lieutenant, according to the nature and importance of the duties prescribed.

SEC. 3. That the President may appoint, by and with the advice and consent of the Senate, for duty in the conscript service, with the temporary rank aforesaid, persons from civil life: *Provided*, That the said persons so appointed be otherwise exempt from military service, or found by medical examination for light duty, or over the age of forty-five years.

SEC. 4. That nothing in this act shall be construed to prevent the President from assigning to conscript service officers now engaged in that service, or officers in the army of any rank.

SEC. 5. That it shall be the duty of the officers of conscription, under the control and direction of the bureau, to make and keep records of the condition of the various branches of the military service within their respective districts, and to make monthly

returns of the same to the bureau through the commandant of conscripts of the State, and in furtherance of this purpose it shall be the duty of all officers and others employed in the service of the Confederate States, and not actually in the field, nor attached to any army in the field, including quartermasters and commissaries and their agents, commanders of posts, provost-m Marshals, officers of the ordnance, miter and mining and medical bureaus, and others, to make certified monthly returns to the nearest conscript officer, of the nature and exact condition of their service, which return shall be forwarded as above directed.

Sec. 6. That generals commanding the reserve forces shall be required, on the demand of the commandant of conscripts for the State, to place at his disposal, and for the enforcement of the duties imposed upon him, such detachments of the reserve forces as may be deemed necessary.

Sec. 7. That for the purpose of facilitating the granting of details and exemptions, under the laws in such cases made and provided, to persons who may be more useful to the country in agricultural and mechanical pursuits than in the military service, there shall be appointed by the President in each county, district, or parish, an agricultural board, consisting of three farmers or planters, over the age of fifty years, to whom shall be referred, by the county, district, or parish enrolling officer, every application for a detail in their respective counties, districts, or parishes; and whose duty it shall be to inquire and report upon the merits of such applications, which report, with the application, shall be forwarded to the commandant of conscripts for the State; and if he approve such application, the detail shall be allowed. If the commandant of conscripts disapprove such application, the applicant shall have the right of appeal to the superintendent of the bureau of conscription, whose decision shall be final, but during the pendency of such appeals the appellants shall be liable to military service.

Sec. 8. That there shall be assigned to each Congressional district a medical board, consisting of three surgeons, at least one of whom shall be an army surgeon, who, after due notice of the time and place of their meeting, shall, under the direction of the commandant of conscripts, visit each county of the district at least once in every two months, and shall examine for discharge, or recommendation for light duty, all conscripts who may be brought before them. Every discharge granted by the said medical board shall be final, and shall relieve the party so discharged from all military service in the future when the disability is permanent and the cause of it is set forth in the certificate.

Sec. 9. That the power to order general courts-martial assigned in the sixty-fifth article of war to general officers commanding armies, or colonels commanding separate departments, is hereby extended to the general or field officer acting as superintendent of conscription, in all cases of persons attached to the conscript service or under his orders, other than general officers. He shall also have power to order courts of inquiry in like cases, under the condition of the ninety-second article of war. The general court-martial hereby authorized to be ordered, shall not be composed of less than three, nor more than seven members, who shall be selected from among any officers of the invalid corps, or drillmasters, or officers of the General Staff or line of the Army who may be at the time attached to the conscript service, whether by transfer or temporary assignment, including the detachments of reserve forces, hereinbefore provided for in section six of this act,

It was determined in the negative,	{ Yeas	6
	{ Nays	13

On motion by Mr. Watson,

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present,
Those who voted in the affirmative are,

Messrs. Graham, Johnson of Georgia, Maxwell, Orr, Walker, and Watson.

Those who voted in the negative are,

Messrs. Baker, Brown, Burnett, Caperton, Haynes, Henry, Hunter, Johnson of Missouri, Oldham, Semmes, Simms, Sparrow, and Wigfall.

On motion by Mr. Graham, to amend the bill by striking out "and the office of commandant of conscripts," section 9, line 2, and inserting after "conscription," in the first line of the same section, the word "and,"

It was determined in the affirmative.

Shall the bill now pass?

The Senate adjourned.

President, etc.

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT. CONFEDERATE STATES OF AMERICA,
Richmond, February 11, 1865.

To the Senate of the Confederate States:

Agreeably to the recommendation of the Secretary of War, I nominate the officers on the accompanying list to the grades affixed to their names, respectively.

JEFFERSON DAVIS.

No. 198.]

WAR DEPARTMENT, CONFEDERATE STATES OF AMERICA,
Richmond, February 11, 1865.

SIR: I have the honor to recommend the following nominations for appointment in the Provisional Army of the Confederate States of America:

Second lieutenants.

Channing M. Smith, of Virginia, to be second lieutenant, First Virginia Battalion (enlisted men), to rank from January 30, 1865.

H. L. Gunnell, of Virginia, to be second lieutenant First Virginia Battalion (enlisted men), to rank from January 30, 1865.

I am, sir, respectfully, your obedient servant,

JOHN C. BRECKINRIDGE,
Secretary of War.

To His Excellency JEFFERSON DAVIS,
President, &c.

RICHMOND, VA., *February 13, 1865.*

To the Senate of the Confederate States:

Agreeably to the request contained in your resolution of the 8th instant, I hereby return for further action by the Senate the name of E. G. Lee, of whose confirmation to be brigadier-general, on the 3d instant, I was officially informed on the 4th.

JEFFERSON DAVIS.

The messages were read.

Ordered, That they be referred to the Committee on Military Affairs.

Mr. Sparrow, from the Committee on Military Affairs, to whom was referred (on the 14th December, 1864) the nomination of Maj. Gen. S. D. Lee, to be lieutenant-general (under act approved February 17, 1864), reported, with the recommendation that said nomination be confirmed.

The Senate proceeded to consider said report; and

After debate,

On the question,

Will the Senate advise and consent to the appointment of S. D. Lee, to be lieutenant-general?

It was determined in the affirmative, { Yeas 11
 } Nays 7

On motion by Mr. Orr,

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present,
 Those who voted in the affirmative are,

Messrs. Baker, Burnett, Garland, Graham, Henry, Hunter, Johnson of Georgia, Orr, Simms, Sparrow, and Watson.

Those who voted in the negative are,

Messrs. Brown, Haynes, Johnson of Missouri, Oldham, Vest, Walker, and Wigfall.

So it was

Resolved, That the Senate do advise and consent to the appointment of S. D. Lee, to be lieutenant-general, agreeably to the nomination of the President.

The Senate proceeded to consider the motion submitted by Mr. Sparrow (on the 13th instant) to reconsider the vote confirming the nomination of E. G. Lee, to be brigadier-general; and

The motion was agreed to.

The Senate resumed the consideration of the nomination of E. G. Lee; and

On motion by Mr. Sparrow,

Ordered, That it be recommitted to the Committee on Military Affairs.

On motion by Mr. Oldham,

The Senate resolved into open legislative session.

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 15, 1865.

OPEN SESSION.

Mr. Johnson of Missouri presented a document in relation to the proper measures to be adopted for recruiting the Army; which was referred to the Committee on Military Affairs.

Mr. Johnson of Georgia presented a series of resolutions passed at a meeting of the officers and men of Thomas' brigade in relation to peace, reconstruction, and the prosecution of the war; which were read.

Ordered, That they lie upon the table and be printed.

Mr. Caperton presented a series of resolutions passed at a meeting of the officers and men of the Thirty-sixth and Sixtieth regiments and the Forty-fifth Battalion of Virginia Infantry, in relation to the prosecution of the war and the terms of peace proposed by the President of the United States to the Confederate States commissioners; which were read.

Ordered, That they lie upon the table and be printed.

Mr. Semmes (by leave) introduced

A joint resolution (S. 30) of thanks to the officers and men of the Washington Artillery Battalion, of New Orleans; which was read the first and second times and referred to the Committee on Military Affairs.

Mr. Semmes, from the Committee on Finance, to whom was referred the joint resolution (H. R. 28) authorizing the transfer of funds in the Quartermaster-General's Department, reported it without amendment.

The Senate proceeded, as in Committee of the Whole, to the consideration of the said resolution; and no amendment being proposed, it was reported to the Senate.

Ordered, That it pass to a third reading.

The said resolution was read the third time.

Resolved, That it pass.

Ordered, That the Secretary inform the House of Representatives thereof.

Mr. Semmes, from the Committee on Finance, to whom were referred the amendments of the House of Representatives to the bill (S. 84) to regulate, for a limited period, the compensation of the officers, clerks, and employees of the civil departments of the Government in the city of Richmond, reported them with amendments.

Ordered, That the amendments be printed.

Mr. Brown, from the Committee on Naval Affairs, reported

A bill (S. 193) to increase the pay of assistant paymasters in the Provisional Navy; which was read the first and second times and considered as in Committee of the Whole; and no amendment being proposed, it was reported to the Senate.

Ordered, That it be engrossed and read a third time.

The said bill was read the third time.

Resolved, That it pass, and that the title thereof be as aforesaid.

Ordered, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the House of Representatives therein.

A message from the House of Representatives, by Mr. Dalton:

Mr. President: The House of Representatives have passed a bill (H. R. 371) to relieve agriculturists exempted and detailed under the act of February 17, 1864, in certain cases; in which they request the concurrence of the Senate.

And they have passed a Senate bill and joint resolution of the following titles:

S. 86. An act fixing the salaries of certain civil officers in the Trans-Mississippi Department; and

S. 20. Joint resolution relating to the manufacture of railroad iron and to new lines of railroad.

The President of the Confederate States has notified the House of Representatives that on the 10th instant he approved and signed an act (H. R. 361) to provide for the reissue of bonds and certificates of indebtedness of the Confederate States in certain cases.

Mr. Sparrow submitted the following motion for consideration:

Ordered, That the vote on passing the bill (S. 181) to provide supplies for the Army, and to prescribe the mode of making impressments, be reconsidered.

On motion by Mr. Sparrow.

Ordered, That a message be sent to the House of Representatives requesting the return of the bill (S. 181) last mentioned to the Senate.

Mr. Semmes, from the committee of conference on the part of the Senate on the disagreeing votes of the two Houses on the bill (H. R. 336) to authorize the establishment of an office of deposit in connection with the Treasury, reported

That they have met the managers on the part of the House of Representatives, and after full and free conference have agreed to recommend, and do recommend, to their respective Houses as follows:

That the House of Representatives do recede from their disagreement to the amendment of the Senate and agree thereto.

And that the bill be further amended by inserting the following section:

"SEC. 4. That all Treasury notes deposited under the provisions of this act, and permitted to remain for a period not less than three months, shall be exempted from taxation to the extent of one-half the tax that may be imposed on Treasury notes on hand or on deposit elsewhere."

The Senate proceeded to consider the said report; and

On motion by Mr. Semmes,

Resolved, That they concur therein, and that the bill be amended accordingly.

Ordered, That the Secretary inform the House of Representatives thereof.

Mr. Sparrow, from the committee of conference on the part of the Senate on the disagreeing votes of the two Houses on the bill (H. R. 273) to authorize the consolidation of companies, battalions, and regiments, reported

That they have met the managers on the part of the House of Representatives, and after full and free conference have agreed to recommend, and do recommend, to their respective houses as follows:

That the House of Representatives do recede from their disagreement to the amendment of the Senate, and that they concur in the said amendment, with amendments, as follows:

Strike out the words "having the number, rank, and file now fixed by law," section 2, lines 3 and 4, and insert the words "having a number, rank, and file, not less than sixty-four nor more than one hundred and twenty-five."

Insert as section 3 the following:

"SEC. 3. That whenever the consolidation of companies, battalions, and regiments shall have been determined upon in accordance with the provisions of the first section of this act, the general commanding the department or separate army in which such reduced organizations are serving shall recommend, from the officers and men of the several organizations which it is proposed to consolidate, the officers for the command of the new organizations, who shall forthwith assume the respective commands to which they may be assigned by the general commanding the department or separate army, subject to the subsequent appointment of the President, by and with the advice and consent of the Senate."

Insert as section 4 the following:

"SEC. 4. That officers of the organizations consolidated, not selected as officers of the new organizations, shall forthwith be notified of the fact, and from that time shall be dropped from the rolls. Such officers may, within sixty days after the consolidation of their commands, organize themselves in numbers sufficient to form companies, battalions, or regiments, and shall be officered from among themselves by appointment of the President, by and with the advice and consent of the Senate; and the generals commanding the armies to which the consolidated organizations belong shall afford reasonable facilities for forming such organizations. The officers so dropped shall have the privilege of selecting the company and arm of service in which they may desire to serve, whether such company belongs to the army with which they are now connected or some other army of the Confederate States, and shall be entitled to transportation to such company; and failing to make such selection, such officers, if liable to military duty, shall be conscribed and placed in the service where they may be found. But no officer in the hands of the enemy shall be dropped from the rolls by reason of anything contained in this section: *Provided*, That no officer shall be permitted to select a company on the opposite side of the Mississippi River from where he is now on duty, unless he resides beyond said river."

Strike out the words "offices of adjutants and," section 6, line 1, and insert the words "office of," and strike out lines 4, 5, 6, and 7 in the same section, and the word "also," in line 8.

Strike out, section 7, all preceding and including the word "formed," line 4, and insert in lieu thereof the words "the general commanding the department or army shall designate the names of the battalions or regiments organized under the provisions of this act."

Strike out, section 8, line 11, the words "with the rank held by them in the line," and insert in lieu thereof the words "with the rank previously held by such officers in the service."

Insert after "act," section 9, line 3, the words "or they may be assigned or appointed to vacancies in the new organizations."

And that the Senate agree to the said amendments to their amendment.

The Senate proceeded to consider the said report; and

On motion by Mr. Sparrow,

Resolved, That they concur therein.

Ordered, That the Secretary inform the House of Representatives thereof.

The Senate resumed, as in Committee of the Whole, the consideration of the bill (H. R. 350) to diminish the number of exemptions and details.

On motion by Mr. Orr, to amend the bill by inserting after "except," section 2, line 2, the words

of persons who, upon satisfactory evidence submitted to the Secretary of War, are, or may be, more useful at home to the public by their skill, labor, or services than in the field, or,

It was determined in the negative,	{ Yeas -----	9
	{ Nays -----	13

On motion by Mr. Orr,

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present, Those who voted in the affirmative are,

Messrs. Baker, Graham, Hunter, Johnson of Georgia, Maxwell, Orr, Semmes, Walker, and Watson.

Those who voted in the negative are,

Messrs. Brown, Burnett, Caperton, Dortch, Garland, Haynes, Henry, Johnson of Missouri, Oldham, Simms, Sparrow, Vest, and Wigfall.

On motion by Mr. Orr, to amend the bill by inserting after "hereby," section 2, line 10, the words

ordered to be reviewed by the Secretary of War, and if the detail shall be found to have been improperly granted, the same shall be,

It was determined in the negative,	{ Yeas	9
	{ Nays	13

On motion by Mr. Orr,

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present, Those who voted in the affirmative are,

Messrs. Baker, Graham, Hunter, Johnson of Georgia, Maxwell, Orr, Semmes, Walker, and Watson.

Those who voted in the negative are,

Messrs. Brown, Burnett, Caperton, Dortch, Garland, Haynes, Henry, Johnson of Missouri, Oldham, Simms, Sparrow, Vest, and Wigfall.

On motion by Mr. Orr, to amend the bill by striking out of the second section the words:

The bonds heretofore given by exempted and detailed men shall bind them to comply with the same only to an extent bearing the same proportion to the whole amount which would be due thereon in one year, if this act had not passed, as the time they shall have been exempted or detailed bears to a year,

It was determined in the negative,	{ Yeas	4
	{ Nays	17

On motion by Mr. Orr,

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present, Those who voted in the affirmative are,

Messrs. Baker, Caperton, Graham, and Orr.

Those who voted in the negative are,

Messrs. Brown, Burnett, Dortch, Garland, Haynes, Henry, Hunter, Johnson of Georgia, Johnson of Missouri, Maxwell, Semmes, Simms, Sparrow, Vest, Walker, Watson, and Wigfall.

On motion by Mr. Graham, to amend the bill by inserting after "except," section 2, line 2, the words

according to the census of eighteen hundred and sixty, of the following artisans, who shall be persons of skill and experience in their several callings (whether such persons be in the Army or not), to wit: One blacksmith for every two thousand inhabitants, one miller for every two thousand inhabitants, one tanner for every four thousand inhabitants, one millwright for every four thousand inhabitants, the said artisans to be designated by the governors of the several States, respectively, upon the recommendation of the county court of ordinary, or probate court, who may hear testimony and make such recommendation; and such artisans shall thereupon be discharged from military duty so long as they shall faithfully and habitually work for the public at their several callings,

It was determined in the negative,	{ Yeas	8
	{ Nays	12

On motion by Mr. Graham,

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present, Those who voted in the affirmative are,

Messrs. Baker, Caperton, Dortch, Graham, Hunter, Johnson of Georgia, Maxwell, and Orr.

Those who voted in the negative are,

Messrs. Brown, Burnett, Haynes, Henry, Johnson of Missouri, Oldham, Semmes, Simms, Sparrow, Vest, Walker, and Watson.

On motion by Mr. Caperton, to amend the bill by inserting after 'revoked,' section 2, line 10, the following proviso:

Provided, That nothing herein contained shall be construed to prevent the Secretary of War from detailing such officers and employees of the James River and Kanawha Canal as he may deem necessary under the same restrictions and provisions which apply to railroad companies,

It was determined in the negative,	} Yeas.....	8

On motion by Mr. Caperton,

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present,
Those who voted in the affirmative are,

Messrs. Baker, Caperton, Graham, Hunter, Johnson of Georgia, Maxwell, Orr, and Semmes.

Those who voted in the negative are,

Messrs. Brown, Burnett, Dortch, Garland, Haynes, Henry, Johnson of Missouri, Oldham, Simms, Vest, Walker, Watson, and Wigfall.

On motion by Mr. Orr, to amend the bill by striking out the third section,

It was determined in the negative,	} Yeas.....	10

On motion by Mr. Orr,

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present,
Those who voted in the affirmative are,

Messrs. Baker, Dortch, Graham, Hunter, Johnson of Georgia, Maxwell, Oldham, Orr, Semmes, and Watson.

Those who voted in the negative are,

Messrs. Brown, Burnett, Caperton, Garland, Haynes, Henry, Johnson of Missouri, Simms, Sparrow, Vest, Walker, and Wigfall.

On motion by Mr. Dortch, to amend the bill by striking out "forty-five," section 3, line 5, and inserting "forty,"

It was determined in the negative.

On motion by Mr. Orr, to recommit the bill to the Committee on Military Affairs,

On motion by Mr. Maxwell,

The Senate resolved into executive session.

The doors having been opened,

On motion by Mr. Garland,

The Senate adjourned.

EXECUTIVE SESSION.

The following message was received from the President of the Confederate States, by Mr. B. N. Harrison, his Secretary:

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT, CONFEDERATE STATES OF AMERICA,

Richmond, February 14, 1865.

To the Senate of the Confederate States:

Agreeably to the recommendation of the Secretary of War, I nominate Maj. Gen. Wade Hampton, of South Carolina, to be lieutenant-general in the Provisional Army of the Confederate States of America.

JEFFERSON DAVIS.

No. 201.]

WAR DEPARTMENT, CONFEDERATE STATES OF AMERICA,

Richmond, February 14, 1865.

SIR: I have the honor to recommend the nomination of Maj. Gen. Wade Hampton, of South Carolina, to be lieutenant-general in the Provisional Army of the Confed-

erate States of America, to command Cavalry Corps, Army of Northern Virginia, to rank from February 14, 1865.

I am, sir, respectfully, your obedient servant.

JOHN C. BRECKINRIDGE,
Secretary of War.

To His Excellency JEFFERSON DAVIS,
President, etc.

The message was read.

The Senate proceeded to consider the nomination of Maj. Gen. Wade Hampton, to be lieutenant-general in the Provisional Army of the Confederate States of America, contained in the message of this day; and *Resolved*, That they do advise and consent to his appointment, agreeably to the nomination of the President.

The following messages were received from the President of the Confederate States, by Mr. B. N. Harrison, his Secretary:

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT, CONFEDERATE STATES OF AMERICA,
Richmond, February 14, 1865.

To the Senate of the Confederate States:

Agreeably to the recommendation of the Secretary of War, I nominate Col. C. Leventhorpe, of North Carolina, to be a brigadier-general in the Provisional Army of the Confederate States of America (under act approved October 13, 1862).

JEFFERSON DAVIS.

No. 200.] WAR DEPARTMENT, CONFEDERATE STATES OF AMERICA,
Richmond, February 14, 1865

SIR: I have the honor to recommend the nomination of Col. C. Leventhorpe, of North Carolina, to be a brigadier-general in the Provisional Army of the Confederate States of America (under act approved October 13, 1862), to command brigade, Army of Northern Virginia, vice General Clingman, disabled, to rank from February 3, 1865.

I am, sir, respectfully, your obedient servant,

JOHN C. BRECKINRIDGE,
Secretary of War.

To His Excellency JEFFERSON DAVIS,
President, etc.

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT, CONFEDERATE STATES OF AMERICA,
Richmond, February 14, 1865.

To the Senate of the Confederate States:

Agreeably to the recommendation of the Secretary of War, I nominate H. T. Scott, of Tennessee, to be captain of artillery, for ordnance duty, in the Provisional Army of the Confederate States of America.

JEFFERSON DAVIS.

No. 185.] WAR DEPARTMENT, CONFEDERATE STATES OF AMERICA,
Richmond, February 7, 1865.

SIR: I have the honor to recommend the nomination of H. T. Scott, of Tennessee, to be a captain of artillery, for ordnance duty, in the Provisional Army of the Confederate States of America (report to Chief of Ordnance for assignment to duty), to rank from January 19, 1865.

I am, sir, respectfully, your obedient servant,

JOHN C. BRECKINRIDGE,
Secretary of War.

To His Excellency JEFFERSON DAVIS,
President, etc.

Mr. Sparrow, from the Committee on Military Affairs, to whom was referred (on the 14th instant) the nomination of Isaac M. St. John, of Virginia, to be Commissary-General, with rank of brigadier-general, reported, with the recommendation that said nomination be confirmed.

The Senate proceeded to consider said report; and

After debate,

On motion by Mr. Wigfall,

Ordered, That the further consideration thereof be postponed until to-morrow.

Mr. Sparrow, from the Committee on Military Affairs, to whom were referred (on the 21st of December last) the nominations of William Hawn, John E. Logwood, J. M. Stevens, and William Aubrey, to be military storekeepers, with pay and allowance of captains of infantry; Carrington Mason, Thomas S. Martin, W. D. Bell, W. W. Tyler, and E. Ledyard, to be military storekeepers, with pay and allowance of first lieutenants of infantry, reported, with the recommendation that all of said nominations be confirmed.

The Senate proceeded to consider said report; and in concurrence therewith, it was

Resolved, That the Senate do advise and consent to their appointments, agreeably to the nomination of the President.

Mr. Sparrow, from the Committee on Military Affairs, to whom were referred (on the 8th instant) the nominations of William Eggleston and C. F. Hampton, to be aids-de-camp, with the rank of first lieutenants, reported, with the recommendation that said nominations be confirmed.

The Senate proceeded to consider said report; and in concurrence therewith, it was

Resolved, That the Senate do advise and consent to their appointments, agreeably to the nomination of the President.

On motion by Mr. Garland,

The Senate resolved into open legislative session.

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 16, 1865.

OPEN SESSION.

A message from the House of Representatives, by Mr. Dalton:

Mr. President: The House of Representatives have passed bills of the following titles; in which they request the concurrence of the Senate:

H. R. 201. An act to amend an act entitled "An act to provide tobacco for the Army," approved February 17, 1864;

H. R. 303. An act for the further organization of the field artillery of the Confederate States; and

H. R. 325. An act to make appropriations for the support of the Government of the Confederate States of America from the 1st day of January to the 30th day of June, 1865.

The House of Representatives have concurred in the report of the committee of conference on the disagreeing votes of the two Houses on the bill (H. R. 273) to authorize the consolidation of companies, battalions, and regiments.

I am directed by the House of Representatives to return to the Senate, agreeably to their request, the bill (S. 181) to provide supplies for the Army, and to prescribe the mode of making impressments.

The House of Representatives have passed a bill and joint resolution of the Senate of the following titles:

S. 179. An act to amend an act to provide for holding elections for Representatives in the Congress of the Confederate States from the State of Missouri, approved January 19, 1864; and

S. 29. Joint resolution extending the provisions of the joint resolution to allow sick and wounded officers of the Army transportation to their homes, and hospital accommodations, approved June 10, 1864.

Mr. Semmes presented a series of resolutions passed at a meeting of the officers and men of the Louisiana Guard Artillery, urging upon Congress the propriety of placing negro troops in the military service,

and in relation to recruiting the Army; which were ordered to lie upon the table and be printed.

Mr. Graham submitted the following resolution; which was considered and agreed to:

Resolved, That the Secretary of War be instructed to inform the Senate, with as little delay as possible, what number of conscript soldiers have been levied in each State of the Confederacy and placed in service in the field; whether there has been any failure to execute the law of conscription in any State by reason of any cause other than its occupation by the enemy; and if so, why it has not been executed with uniformity in all localities where the operations of the enemy have not prevented.

The Senate resumed, as in Committee of the Whole, the consideration of the bill (H. R. 350) to diminish the number of exemptions and details.

The question being on agreeing to the motion submitted on yesterday by Mr. Orr to recommit the bill to the Committee on Military Affairs.

Mr. Orr modified the same by adding thereto the words:

with instructions to inquire into the expediency of reporting the same back with amendments which shall authorize the Secretary of War, in cases of great public necessity or convenience, to detail persons between the ages of eighteen and forty-five from the performance of military service, guarding the discretion of the Secretary so as to protect, as far as possible, the power of abuse; and

Second. Authorizing the Secretary of War to grant details to such officers and men of the James River and Kanawha Canal Company as are necessary to secure prompt transportation of all supplies offered over said canal; and

Third. Amending the third section of the bill so as to provide that no contractor for carrying the mails or driver of post coaches shall be exempted from military service by reason of such contract or employment hereafter to be made, unless such contractor be above the age of forty-five years; and

Fourth. Of providing that the Secretary of War be required, at each meeting of Congress, to report the names, with a descriptive list, of each exemption and detail allowed by him, and the purpose thereof; and

After debate,

On the question to agree to the said motion as modified,

It was determined in the affirmative.

So it was

Ordered, That the bill be recommitted to the Committee on Military Affairs, with the said instructions.

The bill (H. R. 371) to relieve agriculturists exempted and detailed under the act of February 17, 1864, in certain cases, was read the first and second times and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

The following bills were severally read the first and second times and referred to the Committee on Military Affairs:

H. R. 201. An act to amend an act entitled "An act to provide tobacco for the Army," approved February 17, 1864; and

H. R. 303. An act for the further organization of the field artillery of the Confederate States.

The bill (H. R. 325) to make appropriations for the support of the Government of the Confederate States of America from the 1st day of January to the 30th day of June, 1865, was read the first and second times and referred to the Committee on Finance.

The Senate proceeded, as in Committee of the Whole, to the consideration of the bill (H. R. 365) for the relief of Maj. D. W. Hinkle, quartermaster of Finegan's and Perry's brigades.

On motion by Mr. Simms, to amend the bill by inserting the following proviso:

Provided, That the said accounting officer shall also allow as a credit to Captain C. S. Hart, quartermaster of Lomax's cavalry division, the sum of eight thousand

one hundred and sixty-three dollars, belonging to the Government of the Confederate States, which was stolen from him by some unknown person on the night of the thirtieth day of October last, without his neglect or fault, upon proper and sufficient proof being made of all the facts in the case.

Mr. Burnett objected to the amendment as not being in order under the twentieth clause of the ninth section of the first article of the Constitution;

Whereupon,

The President pro tempore submitted the question to the decision of the Senate; and

On the question,

Is the proposed amendment in order?

It was determined in the affirmative.

On the question to agree to the amendment proposed by Mr. Simms,

It was determined in the negative,	{ Yeas	-----	9
	{ Nays	-----	12

On motion by Mr. Simms,

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present.

Those who voted in the affirmative are,

Messrs. Dortch, Garland, Haynes, Henry, Johnson of Missouri, Oldham, Orr, Simms, and Watson.

Those who voted in the negative are,

Messrs. Baker, Brown, Burnett, Caperton, Graham, Hunter, Johnson of Georgia, Maxwell, Semmes, Vest, Walker, and Wigfall.

No amendment being made, the bill was reported to the Senate.

On the question,

Shall the bill be read a third time?

It was determined in the negative.

So the bill was rejected.

Ordered, That the Secretary inform the House of Representatives thereof.

Mr. Caperton (by leave) introduced

A joint resolution (S. 31) repealing and amending certain provisions of the acts for the sequestration of the estates, property, and effects of alien enemies, approved, respectively, August 30, 1861, and February 15, 1862;

which was read the first and second times and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

The Senate resumed, as in Committee of the Whole, the consideration of the bill (S. 184) to exempt from military service skilled artisans and mechanics; and

On motion by Mr. Wigfall,

Ordered, That it be recommitted to the Committee on Military Affairs.

The Senate resumed, as in Committee of the Whole, the consideration of the bill (S. 173) to receive volunteer troops for the war; and

On motion by Mr. Burnett,

Ordered, That it be transferred to the Secret Legislative Calendar.

The Senate proceeded, as in Committee of the Whole, to the consideration of the bill (S. 190) to provide for raising 200,000 negro troops; and

On motion by Mr. Johnson of Georgia,

The Senate resolved into secret legislative session for the further consideration thereof.

The doors having been opened,

Mr. Burnett, from the committee of conference on the part of the Senate on the disagreeing votes of the two Houses on the bill (S. 129) to provide for the employment of free negroes and slaves to work upon fortifications and perform other labor connected with the defenses of the country, reported

That they have met the managers on the part of the House of Representatives, and after full and free conference have agreed to recommend, and do recommend, to their respective Houses as follows:

That the House of Representatives do recede from their third and tenth amendments.

That the Senate do recede from their disagreement to the eleventh amendment of the House of Representatives.

The Senate proceeded to consider the said report; and

On motion by Mr. Burnett,

Resolved, That they concur therein.

Ordered, That the Secretary inform the House of Representatives thereof.

A message from the President of the Confederate States, by Mr. B. N. Harrison, his Secretary:

Mr. President: On the 14th instant the President of the Confederate States approved and signed a joint resolution (S. 26) of thanks to Mr. John Lancaster, of England, for his friendly conduct toward the commander, officers, and crew of the Alabama.

Ordered, That the Secretary inform the House of Representatives thereof.

Mr. Graham (by leave) introduced

A bill (S. 194) to provide for promotion of officers in certain cases; which was read the first and second times and referred to the Committee on Military Affairs.

The following message was received from the President of the Confederate States, by Mr. B. N. Harrison, his Secretary:

RICHMOND, VA., *February 15, 1865.*

To the Senate of the Confederate States:

In partial response to your resolution of the 24th ultimo, I herewith transmit communications from the Secretary of the Navy and the Postmaster-General relating to the number of white men between the ages of 18 and 45, and of negroes, whose services are necessary to their respective Departments.

The Secretary of War has been called on to furnish reports on this subject from the several bureaus specified in your resolution, which will be transmitted when received.

JEFFERSON DAVIS.

The message was read.

Ordered, That it lie upon the table and be printed.

The following message was received from the President of the Confederate States, by Mr. B. N. Harrison, his Secretary:

RICHMOND, VA., *February 15, 1865.*

To the Senate and House of Representatives:

I herewith transmit for your consideration a communication from the Secretary of the Treasury, covering an estimate for an additional appropriation required by the Department of Justice.

JEFFERSON DAVIS.

The message was read.

Ordered, That it be referred to the Committee on Finance.

On motion by Mr. Orr,

The Senate resolved into executive session.

The doors having been opened,
On motion by Mr. Semmes,
The Senate adjourned.

SECRET SESSION.

On motion by Mr. Johnson of Georgia, that the bill (S. 190) to provide for raising 200,000 negro troops be transferred to the Secret Legislative Calendar,

It was determined in the affirmative,	} Yeas----- 10 Nays----- 7

On motion by Mr. Orr,
The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present,
Those who voted in the affirmative are,

Messrs. Baker, Burnett, Dortch, Haynes, Johnson of Georgia,
Johnson of Missouri, Maxwell, Vest, Walker, and Watson.

Those who voted in the negative are,

Messrs. Caperton, Graham, Hunter, Oldham, Orr, Semmes, and
Wigfall.

The Senate resumed the consideration of the said bill; and

On motion by Mr. Oldham,

Ordered, That the further consideration thereof be postponed to
and made the special order for to-morrow, at 1 o'clock.

A message from the House of Representatives, by Mr. Dalton:

Mr. President: The House of Representatives have passed the bill of the Senate (S. 102) to authorize the exportation of produce and merchandise bought from the Government.

On motion by Mr. Burnett,

The Senate resolved into open legislative session.

EXECUTIVE SESSION.

On motion by Mr. Wigfall, the vote on confirming the nomination of S. D. Lee, to be a lieutenant-general, was reconsidered.

The Senate resumed the consideration of the nomination of S. D. Lee; and

On motion by Mr. Burnett,

Ordered, That the further consideration thereof be postponed until
Saturday next.

The Senate resumed the consideration of the nomination of Isaac M. St. John, to be Commissary-General, with the rank of brigadier-general; and

Resolved, That the Senate do advise and consent to the appointment of Isaac M. St. John, agreeably to the nomination of the President.

Mr. Burnett, from the Committee on Military Affairs, to whom was referred (on the 25th ultimo) the nomination of W. W. Barrett, to be quartermaster, with the rank of major in the Provisional Army of the Confederate States, reported, with the recommendation that said nomination be confirmed.

The Senate proceeded to consider said report; and in concurrence therewith, it was

Resolved, That the Senate do advise and consent to the appointment, agreeably to the nomination of the President.

The following message was received from the President of the Confederate States, by Mr. B. N. Harrison, his Secretary:

RICHMOND, VA., *February 15, 1865.*

To the Senate of the Confederate States:

Agreeably to the recommendation of the Postmaster-General, I hereby nominate Hillery Moseley, to be postmaster at Clinton, Hinds County, Miss.

JEFFERSON DAVIS.

POST-OFFICE DEPARTMENT, CONFEDERATE STATES OF AMERICA,

Richmond, February 13, 1865.

To the PRESIDENT.

SIR: I have the honor to recommend for confirmation by the Senate the following appointment, made since the opening of the present adjourned session of Congress: February 11, 1865, Hillery Moseley, postmaster at Clinton, Hinds County, Miss.

Very respectfully, your obedient servant,

JOHN H. REAGAN,
Postmaster-General.

The message was read.

Ordered. That it be referred to the Committee on Post-Offices and Post-Roads.

The following message was received from the President of the Confederate States, by Mr. B. N. Harrison, his Secretary:

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT, CONFEDERATE STATES OF AMERICA,

Richmond, February 15, 1865.

To the Senate of the Confederate States:

Agreeably to the recommendation of the Secretary of War, I nominate the officers on the accompanying list to the grades affixed to their names, respectively.

JEFFERSON DAVIS.

No. 202]

WAR DEPARTMENT, CONFEDERATE STATES OF AMERICA,

Richmond, February 15, 1865.

SIR: I have the honor to recommend the following nominations for promotion in the Provisional Army of the Confederate States of America:

ARTILLERY OFFICERS, FOR ORDNANCE DUTY.

Lieutenant-colonel.

Maj. E. B. Smith, of Virginia, to be lieutenant-colonel of artillery (to fill an original vacancy), to rank from January 17, 1865.

Major.

Capt. George W. Christy, of Louisiana, to be major of artillery, vice Major Smith, promoted, to rank from January 17, 1865.

I am, sir, respectfully, your obedient servant,

JOHN C. BRECKINRIDGE,
Secretary of War.

To His Excellency JEFFERSON DAVIS,
President, &c.

The message was read.

Ordered. That it be referred to the Committee on Military Affairs.

On motion by Mr. Dortch,

The Senate resolved into open legislative session.

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 17, 1865.

OPEN SESSION.

A message from the House of Representatives, by Mr. Dalton:

Mr. President: The House of Representatives have passed bills of the following titles; in which they request the concurrence of the Senate:

H. R. 319. An act more effectually to prevent and punish absenteeism and desertion in the Army; and

H. R. 373. An act to provide for the more efficient transportation of troops, supplies, and munitions of war upon the railroads, steamboats, and canals in the Confederate States, and to control telegraph lines employed by Government.

And they have passed the bill of the Senate (S. 94) to amend the law in relation to the receipt of counterfeit Treasury notes by public officers, with amendments; in which they request the concurrence of the Senate.

The House of Representatives have agreed to the report of the committee of conference on the disagreeing votes of the two Houses on the bill (H. R. 336) to authorize the establishment of an office of deposit in connection with the Treasury.

The President of the Confederate States has notified the House of Representatives that on the 14th instant he approved and signed an act (H. R. 364) appropriating \$10,000 to pay claims in the recruiting service of the Confederate States.

Mr. Johnson of Georgia presented a series of resolutions passed at a meeting of the officers and men of the Second, Fifteenth, Seventeenth, and Twentieth regiments of Benning's brigade in relation to the prosecution of the war and recruiting the Army; which were ordered to lie upon the table and be printed.

On motion by Mr. Semmes,

Ordered, That Power, Low & Co. have leave to withdraw their memorial and accompanying papers.

Mr. Wigfall, from the Committee on Military Affairs, reported

A bill (S. 195) to authorize the Secretary of War to negotiate with the governors of the several States for slave labor; which was read the first and second times and considered as in Committee of the Whole; and no amendment being proposed, it was reported to the Senate.

Ordered, That it be engrossed and read a third time.

The said bill was read the third time.

Resolved, That it pass, and that the title thereof be as aforesaid.

Ordered, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the House of Representatives therein.

Mr. Wigfall, from the Committee on Military Affairs, to whom was referred the bill (H. R. 303) for the further organization of the field artillery of the Confederate States, reported it without amendment.

The Senate proceeded, as in Committee of the Whole, to the consideration of the said bill; and no amendment being proposed, it was reported to the Senate.

Ordered, That it pass to a third reading.

The said bill was read the third time.

Resolved, That it pass.

Ordered, That the Secretary inform the House of Representatives thereof.

Mr. Wigfall, from the Committee on Military Affairs, to whom was recommitted the bill (S. 184) to exempt from military service skilled artisans and mechanics, reported it with amendments.

Mr. Wigfall, from the Committee on Military Affairs, to whom was recommitted the bill (H. R. 350) to diminish the number of exemptions and details, reported it with amendments.

The Senate proceeded, as in Committee of the Whole, to the consideration of the said bill; and

On motion by Mr. Orr,

Ordered, That the further consideration thereof be postponed until to-morrow, and that the bill and amendments be printed.

The Senate proceeded, as in Committee of the Whole, to the consideration of the bill (S. 184) to exempt from military service skilled artisans and mechanics.

On motion by Mr. Orr, that the further consideration of the bill be postponed until to-morrow.

It was determined in the negative.

On the question to agree to the first reported amendment, to wit: Insert after "States," line 7, the words "or in the public workshops of any of the States,"

It was determined in the affirmative.

On the question to agree to the second reported amendment,

On motion by Mr. Oldham,

The Senate resolved into secret legislative session.

The doors having been opened,

Mr. Burnett, from the Committee on Claims, to whom were referred the bill (H. R. 368) for the relief of James Sykes, agent of James W. Sykes, and the joint resolution (H. R. 27) for the relief of the legal representatives of John R. Cardwell, reported them severally without amendment.

The Senate proceeded to consider the amendments of the House of Representatives to the bill (S. 84) to regulate, for a limited period, the compensation of the officers, clerks, and employees of the civil departments of the Government in the city of Richmond, with the amendments thereto reported from the Committee on Finance; and

The reported amendments having been amended and agreed to,

Resolved, That the Senate concur in the amendments of the House of Representatives to the said bill, with amendments.

Ordered, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the House of Representatives in the amendments.

The bills (H. R. 319 and H. R. 373) received this day from the House of Representatives for concurrence were severally read the first and second times and referred to the Committee on Military Affairs.

The Senate proceeded to consider the amendments of the House of Representatives to the bill (S. 94) to amend the law in relation to the receipt of counterfeit Treasury notes by public officers; and

Resolved, That they concur therein.

Ordered, That the Secretary inform the House of Representatives thereof.

On motion by Mr. Burnett,

The Senate adjourned.

SECRET SESSION.

A message from the House of Representatives, by Mr. Dalton:

Mr. President: The House of Representatives have passed a joint resolution (H. R. 29) in relation to the services of Manuel and Rafael Arunijo and Julian Tesorio; in which they request the concurrence of the Senate.

The Senate resumed, as in Committee of the Whole, the consideration of the bill (S. 190) to provide for raising 200,000 negro troops.

On the question to agree to the following reported amendment, to wit: Strike out the fourth section and insert:

That all slaves received into the service under the provisions of this act shall be valued and paid for according to existing laws, and that said slaves, or any of them, upon a faithful performance of their duties, shall be manumitted by general orders from the War Department, if the consent of the State in which the said slaves may be at the time is given for their manumission,

On motion by Mr. Walker, to amend the amendment by striking out the words "upon a faithful performance of their duties," lines 5 and 6,

It was determined in the affirmative.

On motion by Mr. Simms, to amend the amendment by striking out the words "or any of them," line 5,

On motion by Mr. Garland, that the further consideration of the bill be postponed indefinitely,

On motion by Mr. Garland,

Ordered, That the further consideration thereof be postponed until to-morrow.

On motion by Mr. Wigfall, from the Committee on Military Affairs,

Ordered, That the message of the President of the Confederate States of the 9th of January last, transmitting the official report of Gen. Joseph E. Johnston of the operations of the Army of Tennessee, together with the accompanying documents, be printed; and that the injunction of secrecy be removed therefrom.

The joint resolution (H. R. 29) received this day from the House of Representatives for concurrence was read the first and second times and referred to the Committee on Claims.

On motion by Mr. Semmes,

The Senate resolved into open legislative session.

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 18, 1865.

OPEN SESSION.

A message from the House of Representatives, by Mr. Dalton:

Mr. President: The House of Representatives have passed bills of the following titles; in which they request the concurrence of the Senate:

H. R. 375. An act authorizing proof to be received of the loss or destruction of vouchers necessary in the settlement of accounts;

H. R. 376. An act making an appropriation for the exchange or redemption of mutilated Treasury notes of the new issue; and

H. R. 377. An act to establish an arsenal and foundry in the valley of Deep River, in the State of North Carolina.

The Speaker of the House of Representatives having signed sundry enrolled bills and enrolled joint resolutions, I am directed to bring them to the Senate for the signature of their President.

Mr. Watson (by leave) introduced

A bill (S. 196) in relation to the printing and binding, in pamphlet form, of the acts, resolutions, and treaties adopted at each session of Congress;

which was read the first and second times and referred to the Committee on Printing.

Mr. Vest (by leave) introduced

A bill (S. 197) declaring certain persons liable to duty in the reserve forces of the respective States;

which was read the first and second times and referred to the Committee on Military Affairs.

Mr. Caperton presented a series of resolutions passed at a meeting of the officers and men of the Thirty-second Regiment of Virginia Infantry in relation to the further prosecution of the war; which were ordered to lie upon the table and be printed.

Mr. Wigfall, from the Committee on Military Affairs, to whom was referred the bill (H. R. 201) to amend an act entitled "An act to provide tobacco for the Army," approved February 17, 1864, reported it with the recommendation that it ought not to pass.

Mr. Wigfall, from the Committee on Military Affairs, to whom was referred the bill (H. R. 373) to provide for the more efficient

transportation of troops, supplies, and munitions of war upon the railroads, steamboats, and canals in the Confederate States, and to control telegraph lines employed by Government, reported it without amendment.

The Senate proceeded, as in Committee of the Whole, to the consideration of the said bill; and no amendment being proposed, it was reported to the Senate.

Ordered, That it pass to a third reading.

The said bill was read the third time.

Resolved, That it pass.

Ordered, That the Secretary inform the House of Representatives thereof.

Mr. Wigfall, from the Committee on Military Affairs, to whom was referred the bill (S. 194) to provide for promotion of officers in certain cases, reported it without amendment.

The Senate proceeded, as in Committee of the Whole, to the consideration of the said bill; and no amendment being proposed, it was reported to the Senate.

Ordered, That it be engrossed and read a third time.

The said bill was read the third time.

Resolved, That it pass, and that the title thereof be as aforesaid.

Ordered, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the House of Representatives therein.

On motion by Mr. Wigfall,

Ordered, That the Committee on Military Affairs be discharged from the further consideration of certain documents in relation to the inferior quality of tobacco distributed to the Army, and that they be referred to a select committee of three members.

On motion by Mr. Wigfall,

Ordered, That the committee be appointed by the President pro tempore; and

Mr. Simms, Mr. Dortch, and Mr. Johnson of Missouri were appointed.

Mr. Wigfall, from the Committee on Military Affairs, to whom were referred the messages of the President of the Confederate States of the 10th and 18th of November, and of the 6th of December last, transmitting sundry reports of military operations, reported thereon.

Ordered, That they lie upon the table.

Mr. Semmes, from the Committee on Finance, to whom was referred the bill (H. R. 325) to make appropriations for the support of the Government of the Confederate States of America from the 1st day of January to the 30th day of June, 1865, reported it with amendments.

The Senate proceeded, as in Committee of the Whole, to the consideration of the said bill; and the reported amendments having been agreed to, and the bill further amended on the motion of Mr. Baker,

On motion by Mr. Brown,

Ordered, That the further consideration of the bill be postponed until Monday next.

The bills received this day from the House of Representatives for concurrence were severally read the first and second times; and

Ordered, That the bills numbered 375 and 376 be referred to the Committee on Finance and the bill numbered 377 to the Committee on Military Affairs.

The Senate resumed, as in Committee of the Whole, the consideration of the bill (H. R. 350) to diminish the number of exemptions and details.

The reported amendments having been agreed to,

On motion by Mr. Burnett, further to amend the bill by inserting the following independent section:

Sec. 3. That all skilled artisans and mechanics who are engaged in the employment of the Government of the Confederate States are hereby exempt from all military service during the time they are so employed: *Provided*, That persons whose service, labor, or skill may be more usefully employed for the public good at home than in the field, to be determined by the Secretary of War, on the sworn testimony of disinterested witnesses, may be detailed under such rules and regulations as he may prescribe; and the names of all persons so exempted or detailed, together with the reason for the detail, shall be submitted to Congress at the beginning of each session;

It was determined in the affirmative.

No further amendment being made, the bill was reported to the Senate and the amendments were concurred in.

Ordered, That the amendments be engrossed and the bill read a third time.

The said bill as amended was read the third time.

Resolved, That it pass with amendments.

Ordered, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the House of Representatives in the amendments.

A message from the House of Representatives, by Mr. Dalton:

Mr. President: The House of Representatives have passed Senate bills of the following titles:

S. 101. An act to authorize the exchange of registered bonds issued under the act of February 28, 1861, for coupon bonds of like amounts and times for payment;

S. 135. An act to provide for the remission of the penalty for nondelivery of titles of bacon due in the year 1864;

S. 146. An act making an appropriation for the removal and erection of the naval ropewalk; and

S. 151. An act to provide for the canceling of four per cent bonds and certificates received in payment of taxes and other public dues.

On motion by Mr. Burnett,

The Senate resolved into secret legislative session.

The doors having been opened,

Mr. Caperton, from the committee, reported that they had examined and found truly enrolled bills and joint resolutions of the following titles:

S. 86. An act fixing the salaries of certain civil officers in the Trans-Mississippi Department;

S. 179. An act to amend an act to provide for holding elections for Representatives in the Congress of the Confederate States from the State of Missouri, approved January 19, 1864;

S. 20. Joint resolution relating to the manufacture of railroad iron and to new lines of railroad;

S. 28. Joint resolution of thanks to the officers and soldiers of Gen. Bushrod Johnson's old brigade of Tennessee troops and the brigade of the late General Archer, composed of Tennessee and Maryland troops, now in the Army of Northern Virginia; and

S. 29. Joint resolution extending the provisions of the joint resolution to allow sick and wounded officers of the Army transportation to their homes, and hospital accommodations, approved June 10, 1864.

The President pro tempore having signed the enrolled bills and enrolled joint resolutions last reported to have been examined, they were delivered to the Secretary of the Senate and by him forthwith presented to the President of the Confederate States for his approval.

The Senate resumed, as in Committee of the Whole, the consideration of the bill (S. 184) to exempt from military service skilled artisans and mechanics; and

On motion by Mr. Burnett,

Ordered, That it lie upon the table.

The bill (S. 192) to amend the act entitled "An act to organize forces to serve during the war," approved February 17, 1864, was read the second time and considered as in Committee of the Whole; and no amendment being proposed, it was reported to the Senate.

Ordered, That it be engrossed and read a third time.

The said bill was read the third time.

Resolved, That it pass, and that the title thereof be as aforesaid.

Ordered, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the House of Representatives therein.

On motion by Mr. Graham,

The Senate adjourned.

SECRET SESSION.

A message from the House of Representatives, by Mr. Dalton:

Mr. President: The Speaker of the House of Representatives having signed an enrolled bill, I am directed to bring it to the Senate for the signature of their President.

Mr. Caperton, from the committee, reported that they had examined and found truly enrolled

A bill (S. 102) to authorize the exportation of produce and merchandise bought from the Government.

The President pro tempore having signed the enrolled bill last reported to have been examined, it was delivered to the Secretary of the Senate and by him forthwith presented to the President of the Confederate States for his approval.

The Senate resumed, as in Committee of the Whole, the consideration of the bill (S. 190) to provide for raising 200,000 negro troops.

The question being on agreeing to the motion submitted by Mr. Garland on yesterday, that the further consideration of the bill be postponed indefinitely,

After debate,

On motion by Mr. Semmes,

Ordered, That the further consideration of the bill be postponed until Monday next.

On motion by Mr. Burnett,

Ordered, That the Committee on Claims be discharged from the further consideration of the joint resolution (H. R. 29) in relation to the services of Manuel and Rafael Armijo and Julian Tesorio, and that it be referred to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

On motion by Mr. Burnett,

The Senate resolved into executive session.

EXECUTIVE SESSION.

Mr. Wigfall, from the Committee on Military Affairs, to whom was referred (on the 14th of December last) the nomination of William

M. Browne, to be brigadier-general, with temporary rank (under act approved May 31, 1864), reported thereon.

The Senate proceeded to consider the nomination of William M. Browne; and

Mr. Orr, on his motion, was excused from voting on the nomination. After debate,

On the question,

Will the Senate advise and consent to the appointment of William M. Browne, to be brigadier-general?

It was determined in the negative, { Yeas 2
Nays 18

On motion by Mr. Graham,

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present, Those who voted in the affirmative are,

Messrs. Henry and Hunter.

Those who voted in the negative are,

Messrs. Baker, Barnwell, Brown, Burnett, Caperton, Dortch, Garland, Graham, Haynes, Johnson of Georgia, Johnson of Missouri, Maxwell, Oldham, Simms, Vest, Walker, Watson, and Wigfall.

So it was

Resolved, That the Senate do not advise and consent to the appointment of William M. Browne, to be brigadier-general.

Mr. Wigfall, from the Committee on Military Affairs, to whom were referred (respectively on the 14th December last and the 15th February instant) the nominations of J. P. Simms and C. Leventhorpe, to be brigadier-generals in the Provisional Army; and (on the 7th, 10th, and 16th instant, respectively) the nominations of Thomas Harrison, to be brigadier-general, with temporary rank (under act approved May 31, 1864); F. Stringfellow, to be second lieutenant in the Signal Corps; and E. B. Smith, to be lieutenant-colonel, and George W. Christy, to be major of artillery, for ordnance duty, reported, with the recommendation that all of the said nominations be confirmed.

The Senate proceeded to consider said report; and in concurrence therewith, it was

Resolved, That the Senate do advise and consent to their appointment, agreeably to the nomination of the President.

Mr. Baker, from the Committee on Post-Offices and Post-Roads, to whom was referred (on the 16th instant) the nomination of Hillery Moseley, to be postmaster at Clinton, Hinds County, Miss., reported, with the recommendation that said nomination be confirmed.

The Senate proceeded to consider said report; and in concurrence therewith, it was

Resolved, That the Senate do advise and consent to the appointment, agreeably to the nomination of the President.

Mr. Wigfall, from the Committee on Military Affairs, to whom was referred (on the 12th ultimo) the nomination of T. W. White, to be colonel of cavalry, reported thereon; and

On motion by Mr. Brown,

Ordered, That it lie upon the table.

The Senate resumed the consideration of the nomination of S. D. Lee, to be lieutenant-general; and

After debate,

On motion by Mr. Orr,

Ordered, That the further consideration thereof be postponed until Tuesday next.

Mr. Orr submitted the following resolution; which was considered and agreed to:

Resolved, That the Committee on Military Affairs be instructed to inquire and report whether there is any legal impediment to the confirmation of Stephen D. Lee, to be a lieutenant-general in the Provisional Army of the Confederate States, and what the same is, if any in their judgment exists.

The following message was received from the President of the Confederate States, by Mr. B. N. Harrison, his Secretary:

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT, CONFEDERATE STATES OF AMERICA,
Richmond, February 16, 1865.

To the Senate of the Confederate States:

Agreeably to the recommendation of the Secretary of War, I nominate M. L. Bonham, of South Carolina, to be brigadier-general in the Provisional Army of the Confederate States of America.

JEFFERSON DAVIS.

No. 203.] WAR DEPARTMENT, CONFEDERATE STATES OF AMERICA,
Richmond, February 17, 1865.

SIR: I have the honor to recommend the nomination of M. L. Bonham, of South Carolina, to be brigadier-general in the Provisional Army of the Confederate States of America, to command a new brigade, Department of South Carolina, Georgia, and Florida, to rank from February 9, 1865.

I am, sir, respectfully, your obedient servant,

JOHN C. BRECKINRIDGE,
Secretary of War.

To His Excellency JEFFERSON DAVIS,
President, &c.

The message was read.

Ordered, That it be referred to the Committee on Military Affairs.

On motion by Mr. Graham,

The Senate resolved into open legislative session.

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 20, 1865.

OPEN SESSION.

Mr. Garland (by leave) introduced

A joint resolution (S. 32) construing the act of May 31, 1864, to provide for the appointment of a disbursing clerk in the War Department; which was read the first and second times and referred to the Committee on Finance.

Mr. Semmes (by leave) introduced

A bill (S. 198) to amend the thirteenth section of an act entitled "An act to reduce the currency and to authorize a new issue of notes and bonds," approved February 17, 1864; which was read the first and second times and referred to the Committee on Finance.

On motion by Mr. Graham,

Ordered, That the Hon. William T. Dortch have leave of absence during the remainder of the present session.

A message from the House of Representatives, by Mr. Dalton:

Mr. President: The House of Representatives have passed a bill (H. R. 381) to provide for the redemption of the old issue of Treasury notes held by certain Indian tribes: in which they request the concurrence of the Senate.

And they have passed a bill and joint resolution of the Senate of the following titles:

S. 104. An act to extend the provisions of an act entitled "An act in relation to the receipt of counterfeit Treasury notes by public officers," approved May 1, 1863, and the provisions of the fifth section of the act approved February 17, 1864, entitled "An act to amend the act for the assessment and collection of taxes, approved May first, eighteen hundred and sixty-three;" and

S. 22. Joint resolution exempting maple sugar from the tithe imposed by the act entitled "An act to amend an act entitled 'An act to lay taxes for the common defense and carry on the Government of the Confederate States,' approved April twenty-fourth, eighteen hundred and sixty-three," approved February 17, 1864.

The House of Representatives have concurred in the report of the committee of conference on the disagreeing votes of the two Houses on the bill (S. 129) to provide for the employment of free negroes and slaves to work upon fortifications and perform other labor connected with the defenses of the country.

Mr. Burnett, from the Committee on Military Affairs, to whom was referred the bill (S. 197) declaring certain persons liable to duty in the reserve forces of the respective States, reported it without amendment.

The Senate proceeded, as in Committee of the Whole, to the consideration of the said bill; and no amendment being proposed, it was reported to the Senate.

Ordered, That it be engrossed and read a third time.

The said bill was read the third time.

Resolved, That it pass, and that the title thereof be as aforesaid.

Ordered, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the House of Representatives therein.

The bill (H. R. 381) received this day from the House of Representatives for concurrence was read the first and second times and referred to the Committee on Finance.

The Senate resumed, as in Committee of the Whole, the consideration of the bill (H. R. 325) to make appropriations for the support of the Government of the Confederate States of America from the 1st day of January to the 30th day of June, 1865; and having been further amended on the motion of Mr. Brown, the bill was reported to the Senate and the amendments were concurred in.

Ordered, That the amendments be engrossed and the bill read a third time.

The said bill as amended was read the third time.

Resolved, That it pass with amendments.

Ordered, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the House of Representatives in the amendments.

The bill (S. 191) to abolish the office of all officers engaged in discharging the duties of provost-marshals, except within the lines of an army in the field, was read the second time and considered as in Committee of the Whole; and no amendment being proposed, it was reported to the Senate.

Ordered, That it be engrossed and read a third time.

The said bill was read the third time.

Resolved, That it pass, and that the title thereof be as aforesaid.

Ordered, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the House of Representatives therein.

The Senate proceeded, as in Committee of the Whole, to the consideration of the joint resolution (H. R. 27) for the relief of the legal representatives of John R. Cardwell; and no amendment being proposed, it was reported to the Senate.

Ordered, That it pass to a third reading.

The said resolution was read the third time.

On the question,

Shall the resolution now pass?

It was determined in the affirmative,	{ Yeas	16
	{ Nays	0

The vote having been taken by yeas and nays, conformably to the Constitution,

Those who voted in the affirmative are,

Messrs. Baker, Barnwell, Brown, Burnett, Garland, Graham, Haynes, Hunter, Johnson of Missouri, Maxwell, Oldham, Semmes, Simms, Vest, Walker, and Watson.

So it was

Resolved, That this resolution pass, two-thirds of the Senators present voting therefor.

Ordered, That the Secretary inform the House of Representatives thereof.

The Senate proceeded, as in Committee of the Whole, to the consideration of the bill (H. R. 368) for the relief of James Sykes, agent of James W. Sykes; and no amendment being proposed, it was reported to the Senate.

Ordered, That it pass to a third reading.

The said bill was read the third time.

On the question,

Shall the bill now pass?

It was determined in the affirmative,	{ Yeas	15
	{ Nays	0

The vote having been taken by yeas and nays, conformably to the Constitution,

Those who voted in the affirmative are,

Messrs. Baker, Barnwell, Brown, Burnett, Garland, Graham, Hunter, Johnson of Arkansas, Maxwell, Oldham, Orr, Semmes, Vest, Walker, and Watson.

So it was

Resolved, That this bill pass, two-thirds of the Senators present having voted therefor.

Ordered, That the Secretary inform the House of Representatives thereof.

The Senate proceeded, as in Committee of the Whole, to the consideration of the bill (H. R. 201) to amend an act entitled "An act to provide tobacco for the Army," approved February 17, 1864; and no amendment being proposed, it was reported to the Senate.

On the question,

Shall the bill be read a third time?

It was determined in the negative.

So the bill was rejected.

Ordered, That the Secretary inform the House of Representatives thereof.

Mr. Henry (by leave) introduced

A bill (S. 199) to change the time for the assembling of Congress for its next regular session; which was read the first and second times and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

On motion by Mr. Oldham,

The Senate resolved into secret legislative session.

The doors having been opened,

The President pro tempore laid before the Senate a communication from the Secretary of War, in response to a resolution of the Senate asking certain information in regard to conscript soldiers in each State and the execution of the conscription laws; which was read.

Ordered, That it lie upon the table and be printed.

Mr. Burnett (by leave) introduced the following bills; which were severally read the first and second times and referred to the Committee on Military Affairs:

S. 201. Bill providing for the appointment of a provost-marshal-general; and

S. 202. Bill to authorize the Ordnance Bureau to manufacture alcohol.

On motion by Mr. Garland,

The Senate adjourned.

SECRET SESSION.

Mr. Orr (by leave) introduced

A bill (S. 200) to provide transportation for Senators and Representatives in Congress to their respective homes, and to increase, for a limited time, their salaries;

which was read the first and second times and referred to the Committee on Finance.

The Senate resumed, as in Committee of the Whole, the consideration of the bill (S. 190) to provide for raising 200,000 negro troops.

The question being on agreeing to the motion submitted by Mr. Garland on Saturday last, that the further consideration of the bill be postponed indefinitely,

After debate,

On motion by Mr. Oldham,

The Senate resolved into executive session.

EXECUTIVE SESSION.

Mr. Burnett, from the Committee on Military Affairs, to whom were referred (on the 14th December last) the nominations of A. P. Stewart, to be lieutenant-general; H. D. Clayton, John C. Brown, L. L. Lomax, and T. L. Rosser, to be major-generals; B. T. Johnson, J. C. Carter, R. H. Anderson, T. B. Smith, William Miller, W. H. Young, G. W. Gordon, and G. M. Sorrel, to be brigadier-generals, with temporary rank (under act approved May 31, 1864); and the nomination of M. L. Bonham (referred on the 18th instant), to be brigadier-general in the Provisional Army of the Confederate States, reported, with the recommendation that all of said nominations be confirmed.

The Senate proceeded to consider said report; and in concurrence therewith, it was

Resolved, That the Senate do advise and consent to their appointment, agreeably to the nomination of the President.

Mr. Burnett, from the Committee on Military Affairs, to whom was referred (on the 14th December last) the nomination of F. H. Robertson, to be brigadier-general, with temporary rank and command (under act approved May 31, 1864), reported, with the recommendation that the Senate do not advise and consent to the appointment.

Mr. Burnett, from the Committee on Military Affairs, to whom were referred (on the 14th instant) the nominations of Channing M. Smith and H. L. Gummell, to be second lieutenants, reported thereon.

On motion by Mr. Burnett,
Ordered, That they lie upon the table.
On motion by Mr. Burnett,
The Senate resolved into open legislative session.

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 21, 1865.

OPEN SESSION.

A message from the House of Representatives, by Mr. Dalton:

Mr. President: The House of Representatives have passed bills of the following titles; in which they ask the concurrence of the Senate:

H. R. 378. An act to provide for the immediate payment of arrears due to the Army and Navy; and

H. R. 382. An act to amend the thirteenth section of an act entitled "An act to reduce the currency and to authorize a new issue of notes and bonds."

And they have passed the bill of the Senate (S. 187) to regulate the business of conscription.

The House of Representatives agree to the amendments of the Senate to the amendments of the House to the bill (S. 84) to regulate, for a limited period, the compensation of the officers, clerks, and employees of the civil departments of the Government in the city of Richmond.

The President pro tempore laid before the Senate a communication from the Secretary of the Treasury in relation to making the First Auditor the recorder and custodian of all navy accounts, and recommending the appointment of two additional clerks in the Register's Office; which was read.

Ordered, That it be referred to the Committee on Finance.

The President pro tempore laid before the Senate a communication from the Secretary of the Treasury, transmitting the report of the agent of the Treasury in the Trans-Mississippi Department; which was read.

Ordered, That it be referred to the Committee on Finance.

Mr. Johnson of Georgia presented a series of resolutions passed at a meeting of the officers and men of Cook's brigade of Georgia troops in relation to the condition of the country and the prosecution of the war; which were read.

Ordered, That they lie upon the table and be printed.

Mr. Semmes presented a series of resolutions passed by Capt. C. A. Green's Louisiana battery and certain Virginia artillery companies, composing Stark's battalion, in relation to the prosecution of the war; which were read.

Ordered, That they lie upon the table and be printed.

Mr. Semmes submitted the following resolution; which was considered and agreed to:

Resolved, That the President of the Confederate States be requested to communicate to the Senate, if not incompatible with the public interest, the official report of Gen. John B. Hood, of the operations of the Army of Tennessee while under his command.

On motion by Mr. Semmes,

Ordered, That the Committee on Finance be discharged from the further consideration of the bill (H. R. 381) to provide for the redemption of the old issue of Treasury notes held by certain Indian tribes, and that it be referred to the Committee on Indian Affairs.

Mr. Semmes, from the Committee on Finance, to whom was referred the bill (H. R. 375) authorizing proof to be received of the loss or destruction of vouchers necessary in the settlement of accounts, reported it without amendment.

The Senate proceeded, as in Committee of the Whole, to the consideration of the said bill; and no amendment being proposed, it was reported to the Senate.

Ordered, That it pass to a third reading.

The said bill was read the third time.

Resolved, That it pass.

Ordered, That the Secretary inform the House of Representatives thereof.

Mr. Semmes, from the Committee on Finance, to whom was referred the joint resolution (S. 32) construing the act of May 31, 1864, to provide for the appointment of a disbursing clerk in the War Department, reported it without amendment.

The Senate proceeded, as in Committee of the Whole, to the consideration of the said resolution; and no amendment being made, it was reported to the Senate.

Ordered, That it be engrossed and read a third time.

The said resolution was read the third time.

Resolved, That it pass, and that the title thereof be as aforesaid.

Ordered, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the House of Representatives therein.

Mr. Semmes, from the Committee on Finance, to whom were referred the bill (H. R. 376) making an appropriation for the exchange or redemption of mutilated Treasury notes of the new issue, and the bill (S. 198) to amend the thirteenth section of an act entitled "An act to reduce the currency and to authorize a new issue of notes and bonds," approved February 17, 1864, reported them severally, without amendment.

On motion by Mr. Semmes,

Ordered, That they lie upon the table.

On motion by Mr. Semmes,

Ordered, That the Committee on Finance be discharged from the further consideration of the memorial of G. G. Steever.

The bill (H. R. 382) to amend the thirteenth section of an act entitled "An act to reduce the currency and to authorize a new issue of notes and bonds," was read the first and second times and considered as in Committee of the Whole; and no amendment being proposed, it was reported to the Senate.

Ordered, That it pass to a third reading.

The said bill was read the third time.

Resolved, That it pass.

Ordered, That the Secretary inform the House of Representatives thereof.

The bill (H. R. 378) to provide for the immediate payment of arrears due to the Army and Navy was read the first and second times and referred to the Committee on Finance.

Mr. Garland (by leave) introduced

A bill (S. 203) for the relief of Thomas Lanigan; which was read the first and second times and referred to the Committee on Claims.

On motion by Mr. Semmes.

The Senate resolved into secret legislative session.

The doors having been opened,

The following messages were received from the President of the Confederate States, by Mr. B. N. Harrison, his Secretary:

RICHMOND, VA., *February 20, 1865.*

To the Senate of the Confederate States:

In further response to your resolution of the 24th ultimo, I herewith transmit a communication from the Secretary of War relative to the number of white men between the ages of 18 and 45, and of negroes, who, in addition to their own officers, are required to carry on the operations of the several bureaus of his Department to which your inquiries refer, and of the railroad companies of the country; and indicating the railroads which he considers most necessary for military purposes, and of which the repairs or construction should be effected by appropriations by the Government. In connection with the latter subject, he makes a suggestion to which I invite your special attention.

JEFFERSON DAVIS.

RICHMOND, VA., *February 20, 1865.*

To the Senate and House of Representatives:

I herewith transmit for your consideration a communication from the Secretary of War, covering an estimate for an additional appropriation required by the Department.

JEFFERSON DAVIS.

The messages were severally read.

Ordered, That they be referred to the Committee on Finance.

On motion by Mr. Johnson of Georgia,

The Senate adjourned.

SECRET SESSION.

A message from the House of Representatives, by Mr. Dalton:

Mr. President: The House of Representatives have passed a bill (H. R. 367) to increase the military force of the Confederate States; in which they request the concurrence of the Senate.

Mr. Semmes, from the Committee on Finance, to whom was referred the bill (S. 200) to provide transportation for Senators and Representatives in Congress to their respective homes, and to increase, for a limited time, their salaries, reported it with an amendment.

The Senate proceeded, as in Committee of the Whole, to the consideration of the said bill; and the reported amendment having been agreed to, the bill was reported to the Senate and the amendment was concurred in.

Ordered, That the bill be engrossed and read a third time.

The said bill was read the third time and the title was amended.

Resolved, That it pass, and that the title thereof be "An act to provide transportation for Senators, Representatives, and Delegates in Congress to their respective places of residence, and to increase, for a limited time, their salaries."

Ordered, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the House of Representatives therein.

Mr. Caperton, from the Committee on Foreign Relations, to whom was referred the joint resolution (H. R. 29) in relation to the services of Manuel and Rafael Armijo and Julian Tesorio, reported it without amendment.

The bill (H. R. 367) to increase the military force of the Confederate States was read the first and second times; and

On motion by Mr. Oldham,

Ordered, That it lie upon the table.

The Senate resumed, as in Committee of the Whole, the consideration of the bill (S. 190) to provide for raising 200,000 negro troops; and

After debate,

On the question to agree to the motion submitted by Mr. Garland on Friday last, that the further consideration of the bill be postponed indefinitely,

It was determined in the affirmative,	Yea	11
	Nay	10

On motion by Mr. Semmes,

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present, Those who voted in the affirmative are,

Messrs. Baker, Barnwell, Caperton, Garland, Graham, Hunter, Johnson of Georgia, Johnson of Missouri, Maxwell, Orr, and Wigfall.

Those who voted in the negative are,

Messrs. Brown, Burnett, Haynes, Henry, Oldham, Semmes, Simms, Vest, Walker, and Watson.

So it was

Ordered, That the further consideration of the bill be postponed indefinitely.

On motion by Mr. Graham,

The Senate resolved into executive session.

EXECUTIVE SESSION.

Mr. Burnett, from the Committee on Military Affairs, to whom were referred (on the 14th December last) the nominations of J. T. Holtzclaw, W. F. Brantly, J. H. Sharp, G. D. Johnston, W. H. Wallace, and C. M. Shelby, to be brigadier-generals; with temporary rank (under act approved May 31, 1864), reported, with the recommendation that all of said nominations be confirmed.

The Senate proceeded to consider said report; and in concurrence therewith, it was

Resolved, That the Senate do advise and consent to their appointment, agreeably to the nomination of the President.

The following messages were received from the President of the Confederate States, by Mr. B. N. Harrison, his Secretary:

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT, CONFEDERATE STATES OF AMERICA,
Richmond, February 20, 1865.

To the Senate of the Confederate States:

Agreeably to the recommendation of the Secretary of War, I nominate the officers on the accompanying list to the grades affixed to their names, respectively.

JEFFERSON DAVIS.

No. 206.]

WAR DEPARTMENT, CONFEDERATE STATES OF AMERICA,
Richmond, February 17, 1865.

SIR: I have the honor to recommend the following nominations for promotion in the Provisional Army of the Confederate States of America:

Colonels.

Lient. Col. Jos. T. Tucker, of Kentucky, to be colonel Eleventh Kentucky Cavalry Regiment, vice Colonel Chenault, killed, to rank from July 4, 1863.

Capt. W. G. Foster, of Georgia, to be colonel Sixty-fifth Georgia Regiment, vice Colonel Moore, Lieutenant-Colonel Pearey, and Major Williams, resigned, to rank from February 6, 1864.

Lieut. Col. E. M. Feild, of Virginia, to be colonel Twelfth Virginia Regiment, vice Colonel Weisiger, appointed brigadier-general, to rank from July 30, 1864.

Lieut. Col. G. F. Whitfield, of North Carolina, to be colonel Twenty-seventh North Carolina Regiment, vice Colonel Gilmer, retired, to rank from January 11, 1865.

Lieut. Col. K. Otey, of Virginia, to be colonel Eleventh Virginia Regiment, vice Colonel Langhorne, retired, to rank from December 20, 1864.

Lieut. Col. Thomas H. Owen, of Virginia, to be colonel Third Virginia Cavalry Regiment, vice Colonel Goode, resigned, to rank from November 18, 1862.

Lieutenant-colonels.

Maj. James B. McCreary, of Kentucky, to be lieutenant-colonel Eleventh Kentucky Cavalry Regiment, vice Lieutenant-Colonel Tucker, promoted, to rank from July 4, 1863.

Maj. James T. Gee, of Alabama, to be lieutenant-colonel First Alabama Battalion Artillery, vice Lieutenant-Colonel Forsyth, resigned, to rank from July 13, 1864.

Maj. W. C. Oates, of Alabama, to be lieutenant-colonel Fifteenth Alabama Regiment, vice Lieutenant-Colonel Feagin, retired, to rank from December 7, 1864.

Maj. J. R. Lewellen, of Virginia, to be lieutenant-colonel Twelfth Virginia Regiment, vice Lieutenant-Colonel Feild, promoted, to rank from July 30, 1864.

Maj. John G. Webb, of Georgia, to be lieutenant-colonel Ninth Georgia Regiment, vice Lieutenant-Colonel Hoge, promoted, to rank from October 26, 1864.

Maj. Jos. C. Webb, of North Carolina, to be lieutenant-colonel Twenty-seventh North Carolina Regiment, vice Lieutenant-Colonel Whitfield, promoted, to rank from January 11, 1865.

Capt. William M. Feild, of Virginia, to be lieutenant-colonel Third Virginia Cavalry Regiment, vice Lieutenant-Colonel Owen, promoted, and Major Carter, killed, to rank from February 4, 1865.

Majors.

Capt. R. W. Jones, of Virginia, to be major Twelfth Virginia Regiment, vice Major Lewellen, promoted, to rank from July 30, 1864.

Capt. J. W. Arnold, of Georgia, to be major Ninth Georgia Regiment, vice Major Webb, promoted, to rank from October 26, 1864.

Capt. W. W. Humphreys, of South Carolina, to be major Palmetto Sharpshooters, vice Major Kilpatrick, appointed colonel First South Carolina Regiment, to rank from January 31, 1863.

Capt. W. H. McKamy, of Tennessee, to be major Forty-third Tennessee Regiment, vice Major Guthrie, resigned, to rank from January 22, 1864.

Capt. E. Hutton, of Virginia, to be major Twentieth Virginia Cavalry Regiment, vice Major Lady, promoted, to rank from November 22, 1864.

Capt. C. Herring, of North Carolina, to be major Twenty-seventh North Carolina Regiment, vice Major Webb, promoted, to rank from January 11, 1865.

Capt. R. P. Jerome, of North Carolina, to be major Fifteenth North Carolina Regiment, vice Major Hammond, promoted, to rank from November 4, 1864.

I am, sir, respectfully, your obedient servant,

JOHN C. BRECKINRIDGE,

Secretary of War.

To His Excellency JEFFERSON DAVIS,
President, &c.

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT, CONFEDERATE STATES OF AMERICA,
Richmond, February 20, 1865.

To the Senate of the Confederate States:

Agreeably to the recommendation of the Secretary of War, I nominate Robert Turner, of Texas, to be assistant commissary, with the rank of captain in the Provisional Army of the Confederate States of America.

JEFFERSON DAVIS.

No. 204.] WAR DEPARTMENT, CONFEDERATE STATES OF AMERICA,
Richmond, February 18, 1865.

SIR: I have the honor to recommend the nomination of Robert Turner, of Texas, to be assistant commissary, with the rank of captain in the Provisional Army of the Confederate States of America, for duty with Major Maclin, chief commissary of Tennessee [Texas], to date from January 27, 1865.

I am, sir, respectfully, your obedient servant,

JOHN C. BRECKINRIDGE,

Secretary of War.

To His Excellency JEFFERSON DAVIS,
President, &c.

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT, CONFEDERATE STATES OF AMERICA,
Richmond, February 20, 1865.

To the Senate of the Confederate States:

Agreeably to the recommendation of the Secretary of War, I nominate the officers on the accompanying list to the grades affixed to their names, respectively.

JEFFERSON DAVIS.

No. 205.]

WAR DEPARTMENT, CONFEDERATE STATES OF AMERICA,
Richmond, February 17, 1865.

SIR: I have the honor to recommend the following nominations for appointment in the Provisional Army of the Confederate States of America:

Colonel.

C. R. Barteau, of Tennessee, to be colonel Twenty-second Tennessee Cavalry Regiment (formed, by order, of unattached companies), to rank from May 10, 1864.

Lieutenant-colonel.

G. H. Morton, of Tennessee, to be lieutenant-colonel Twenty-second Tennessee Cavalry Regiment (see explanation under Colonel Barteau's nomination), to rank from May 10, 1864.

Major.

O. B. Farris, of Tennessee, to be major Twenty-second Tennessee Cavalry Regiment (see explanation under Colonel Barteau's nomination), to rank from May 10, 1864.

I am, sir, respectfully, your obedient servant,

JOHN C. BRECKINRIDGE,
Secretary of War.

To His Excellency JEFFERSON DAVIS,
President, etc.

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT, CONFEDERATE STATES OF AMERICA,
Richmond, February 20, 1865.

To the Senate of the Confederate States:

Agreeably to the recommendation of the Secretary of War, I nominate the officers on the accompanying list to the grades affixed to their names, respectively.

JEFFERSON DAVIS.

No. 207.]

WAR DEPARTMENT, CONFEDERATE STATES OF AMERICA,
Richmond, February 17, 1865.

SIR: I have the honor to recommend the following nominations for appointment in the Provisional Army of the Confederate States of America:

First lieutenants and adjutants.

E. T. Reynolds, of Missouri, to be adjutant Sixteenth Missouri Regiment, vice Adjutant Warburg, resigned, to rank from November 30, 1864.

R. H. Beazley, of Virginia, to be adjutant Second Regiment, Troops Local Defense (Richmond) (an original vacancy), to rank from August 29, 1864.

C. Gray, of North Carolina, to be adjutant Sixth North Carolina Regiment Reserves (an original vacancy), to rank from December 7, 1864.

William McConnell, of Tennessee, to be adjutant Twelfth Tennessee Battalion Cavalry, vice Adjutant Marriner, transferred, to rank from November 22, 1864.

B. Levy, of Alabama, to be adjutant Seventh Alabama Cavalry Regiment, vice Adjutant Charles, resigned, to rank from December 13, 1864.

I am, sir, respectfully, your obedient servant,

JOHN C. BRECKINRIDGE,
Secretary of War.

To His Excellency JEFFERSON DAVIS,
President, etc.

The messages were read.

Ordered, That they be referred to the Committee on Military Affairs.

The following message was received from the President of the Confederate States, by Mr. B. N. Harrison, his Secretary:

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT, CONFEDERATE STATES OF AMERICA,
Richmond, February 20, 1865.

To the Senate of the Confederate States:

Agreeably to the recommendation of the Postmaster-General, I hereby nominate A. C. Hege, to be postmaster at Lexington, N. C.

JEFFERSON DAVIS.

POST-OFFICE DEPARTMENT, CONFEDERATE STATES OF AMERICA,
Richmond, February 18, 1865.

To the President.

SIR: I have the honor to recommend for confirmation by the Senate the following appointment made since the opening of the present adjourned session of Congress:

A. C. Hege, postmaster at Lexington, Davidson County, N. C., February 18, 1865.

Very respectfully, your obedient servant,

JOHN H. REAGAN,
Postmaster-General.

The message was read.

Ordered, That it be referred to the Committee on Post-Offices and Post-Roads.

The Senate resumed the consideration of [the nomination of] F. H. Robertson, to be brigadier-general, with temporary rank, etc.; and

After debate,

On motion by Mr. Burnett,

The Senate resolved into open legislative session.

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 22, 1865.

OPEN SESSION.

The President pro tempore laid before the Senate a series of resolutions passed at a meeting of the officers and men of the Third Regiment of Virginia Cavalry in relation to the prosecution of the war; which were ordered to lie upon the table and be printed.

On motion by Mr. Semmes,

Ordered, That a message be sent to the House of Representatives requesting the House to return to the Senate the bill (H. R. 382) to amend the thirteenth section of an act entitled "An act to reduce the currency and to authorize a new issue of notes and bonds."

A message from the House of Representatives, by Mr. Dalton:

Mr. President: The House of Representatives have passed bills of the following titles: in which they request the concurrence of the Senate:

H. R. 383. An act to require noncommissioned officers and privates, held as prisoners of war, to be paid upon their individual certificates, supported by oath; and

H. R. 384. An act for the relief of bonded agriculturists in certain cases.

And they have passed Senate bills of the following titles:

S. 166. An act to amend an act entitled "An act to provide and organize a general staff for armies in the field, to serve during the war," approved June 14, 1864; and

S. 169. An act to abolish the office of certain quartermasters and assistant quartermasters, commissaries and assistant commissaries, and to provide for the appointment of bonded agents in said departments, each with an amendment; in which they request the concurrence of the Senate.

I am directed by the House of Representatives to return to the Senate, agreeably to their request, the bill (H. R. 382) to amend the thirteenth section of an act entitled "An act to reduce the currency and to authorize a new issue of notes and bonds."

The Speaker of the House of Representatives having signed sundry enrolled bills and enrolled joint resolutions, I am directed to bring them to the Senate for the signature of their President.

Mr. Orr (by leave) introduced

A bill (S. 204) to authorize the Secretary of the Treasury to receive specie from the several States of the Confederacy and use the same for the benefit of said States;

which was read the first and second times and referred to the Committee on Finance.

Mr. Haynes, from the Committee on the Judiciary, to whom was referred the bill (H. R. 348) to increase the compensation of marshals, criers, jurors, and witnesses, reported it with an amendment.

Mr. Haynes, from the Committee on the Judiciary, to whom was referred the bill (H. R. 371) to relieve agriculturists exempted and detailed under the act of February 17, 1864, in certain cases, reported it without amendment.

The Senate proceeded, as in Committee of the Whole, to the consideration of the said bill; and no amendment being proposed, it was reported to the Senate.

Ordered, That it pass to a third reading.

The said bill was read the third time.

Resolved, That it pass.

Ordered, That the Secretary inform the House of Representatives thereof.

Mr. Semmes, from the Committee on the Judiciary, to whom was recommitted the bill (H. R. 191) to facilitate the settlement of claims of deceased officers and soldiers, reported it with the recommendation that it ought not to pass.

Mr. Semmes, from the Committee on the Judiciary, to whom was referred the bill (S. 199) to change the time for the assembling of Congress for its next regular session, reported it without amendment.

Mr. Caperton presented a series of resolutions passed at a meeting of the officers and men of the Twenty-sixth Regiment of Virginia Cavalry in relation to the prosecution of the war; which were ordered to lie upon the table and be printed.

Mr. Johnson of Missouri, from the Committee on Indian Affairs, to whom was referred the bill (H. R. 381) to provide for the redemption of the old issue of Treasury notes held by certain Indian tribes, reported it without amendment.

The Senate proceeded, as in Committee of the Whole, to the consideration of the said bill; and no amendment being proposed, it was reported to the Senate.

Ordered, That it pass to a third reading.

The said bill was read the third time.

On the question,

Shall the bill now pass?

It was determined in the affirmative,	Yea	17
	Nay	0

The vote having been taken by yeas and nays, conformably to the Constitution,

Those who voted in the affirmative are,

Messrs. Baker, Barnwell, Brown, Burnett, Caperton, Garland, Graham, Henry, Johnson of Georgia, Johnson of Missouri, Maxwell, Oldham, Orr, Semmes, Walker, Watson, and Wigfall.

So it was

Resolved, That this bill pass, two-thirds of the Senators present voting in favor thereof.

Ordered, That the Secretary inform the House of Representatives thereof.

On motion by Mr. Johnson of Missouri,

Ordered, That the Committee on Indian Affairs be discharged from the further consideration of the message of the President of the Confederate States of the 7th of December last, transmitting an estimate of funds required to meet our treaty obligations to the Indian nations for the period ending June 30, 1865, and that it be referred to the Committee on Finance.

The bills received this day from the House of Representatives for concurrence were severally read the first and second times; and

Ordered, That the bill numbered 383 be referred to the Committee on Military Affairs and the bill numbered 384 to the Committee on the Judiciary.

The Senate proceeded to consider the amendment of the House of Representatives to the bill (S. 166) to amend an act entitled "An act to provide and organize a general staff for armies in the field, to serve during the war," approved June 14, 1864; and

Ordered, That it be referred to the Committee on Military Affairs.

The Senate proceeded to consider the amendment of the House of Representatives to the bill (S. 169) to abolish the office of certain quartermasters and assistant quartermasters, commissaries and assistant commissaries, and to provide for the appointment of bonded agents in said departments; and

Ordered, That it be referred to the Committee on Military Affairs.

Mr. Wigfall, from the Committee on Military Affairs, to whom was referred the bill (H. R. 319) more effectually to prevent and punish absenteeism and desertion in the Army, reported it without amendment.

The Senate proceeded, as in Committee of the Whole, to the consideration of the said bill; and no amendment being made, it was reported to the Senate.

Ordered, That it pass to a third reading.

The said bill was read the third time.

Resolved, That it pass.

Ordered, That the Secretary inform the House of Representatives thereof.

Mr. Wigfall, from the Committee on Military Affairs, to whom was referred the bill (H. R. 377) to establish an arsenal and foundry in the valley of Deep River, in the State of North Carolina, reported it with an amendment.

The Senate proceeded, as in Committee of the Whole, to the consideration of the said bill; and the reported amendment having been agreed to, and the bill further amended on the motion of Mr. Orr, it was reported to the Senate and the amendments were concurred in.

Ordered, That the amendments be engrossed and the bill read a third time.

The said bill as amended was read the third time.

Resolved, That it pass with amendments.

Ordered, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the House of Representatives in the amendments.

On motion by Mr. Semmes,

The vote on passing the bill (H. R. 382) to amend the thirteenth section of an act entitled "An act to reduce the currency and to authorize a new issue of notes and bonds" was reconsidered.

On motion by Mr. Semmes, the vote by which the bill was ordered to its third reading was also reconsidered.

On motion by Mr. Semmes, to amend the bill by inserting after the words "under the," line 3, the word "fourteenth."

It was determined in the affirmative.

No further amendment being made,

Ordered, That the amendment be engrossed and the bill read a third time.

The said bill as amended was read the third time.

Resolved, That it pass with an amendment.

On motion by Mr. Semmes,

The title was amended so as to read: "An act to amend the fourteenth section of an act entitled 'An act to reduce the currency and to authorize a new issue of notes and bonds.'"

Ordered, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the House of Representatives in the amendments.

On motion by Mr. Walker,

The Senate resolved into secret legislative session.

The doors having been opened,

Mr. Burnett, from the Committee on Claims, to whom was referred the memorial of A. C. Williamson, submitted a report (No. 8), which was read, accompanied by a bill (S. 205) for the relief of David Moore, Daniel Moore, and Mrs. Mary R. Alexander; which was read the first and second times and considered as in Committee of the Whole; and no amendment being proposed, it was reported to the Senate.

Ordered, That it be engrossed and read a third time.

The said bill was read the third time.

Resolved, That it pass, and that the title thereof be as aforesaid.

Ordered, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the House of Representatives therein.

On motion by Mr. Garland,

The Senate adjourned.

SECRET SESSION.

The Senate resumed, as in Committee of the Whole, the consideration of the bill (S. 173) to receive volunteer troops for the war: and having been amended on the motion of Mr. Henry, the bill was reported to the Senate and the amendment was concurred in.

On the question,

Shall the bill be engrossed and read a third time?

It was determined in the negative,	{ Yeas -----	6
	{ Nays -----	10

On motion by Mr. Henry,

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present, Those who voted in the affirmative are,

Messrs. Garland, Haynes, Henry, Johnson of Georgia, Oldham, and Orr.

Those who voted in the negative are,

Messrs. Barnwell, Burnett, Caperton, Graham, Hunter, Johnson of Missouri, Maxwell, Semmes, Walker, and Wigfall.

So the bill was rejected.

On motion by Mr. Semmes,

The Senate resolved into executive session.

EXECUTIVE SESSION.

The following message was received from the President of the Confederate States, by Mr. B. N. Harrison, his Secretary:

RICHMOND, February 21, 1865.

To the Senate of the Confederate States:

Agreeably to the recommendation of the Attorney-General, I hereby nominate the persons named upon the annexed list to the offices indicated.

JEFFERSON DAVIS.

DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE, CONFEDERATE STATES OF AMERICA,

Richmond, Va., February 20, 1865.

To the PRESIDENT.

SIR: I have the honor to submit the following nominations for appointment:

1. George A. Gallagher, of Arkansas, to be judge of the district courts of the Confederate States for the districts of Cha-lah-ki and Tush-ca-hom-ma.

2. Campbell Laflöre, of the Choctaw Nation, to be attorney for the Confederate States for the district of Tush-ca-hom-ma.

3. H. M. U. C. Brown, of Arkansas, to be marshal of the district of Tush-ca-hom-ma.

4. William P. Adair, of the Cherokee Nation, to be attorney for the Confederate States for the district of Cha-lah-ki.

5. Percy Brewer, of the Cherokee Nation, to be marshal of the district of Cha-lah-ki.

Very respectfully, your obedient servant,

GEO. DAVIS,

Attorney-General.

The message was read.

The Senate proceeded to consider the nominations of George A. Gallagher, to be judge of the district courts of the Confederate States for the districts of Cha-lah-ki and Tush-ca-hom-ma; Campbell Laflöre, to be attorney for the Confederate States for the district of Tush-ca-hom-ma; H. M. U. C. Brown, to be marshal of the district of Tush-ca-hom-ma; William P. Adair, to be attorney for the Confederate States for the district of Cha-lah-ki; and Percy Brewer, to be marshal of the district of Cha-lah-ki; and it was

Resolved, That the Senate do advise and consent to their appointment, agreeably to the nomination of the President.

EXECUTIVE OFFICE, CONFEDERATE STATES OF AMERICA,

Richmond, February 21, 1865.

To the Senate of the Confederate States:

Agreeably to the recommendation of the Secretary of War, I nominate Brig. Gen. Douglas H. Cooper for Superintendent of Indian Affairs.

JEFFERSON DAVIS.

WAR DEPARTMENT, CONFEDERATE STATES OF AMERICA,

Richmond, Va., February 21, 1865.

To His Excellency the PRESIDENT.

SIR: I have the honor to recommend the nomination to the Senate of Brig. Gen. Douglas H. Cooper as Superintendent of Indian Affairs.

Very respectfully, your obedient servant,

JOHN C. BRECKINRIDGE,

Secretary of War.

The message was read.

Ordered, That it be referred to the Committee on Indian Affairs.

The following message was received from the President of the Confederate States, by Mr. B. N. Harrison, his Secretary:

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT, CONFEDERATE STATES OF AMERICA,

Richmond, February 22, 1865.

To the Senate of the Confederate States:

Agreeably to the recommendation of the Secretary of War, I nominate the officers on the accompanying list to the grades affixed to their names, respectively.

JEFFERSON DAVIS.

No. 211.]

WAR DEPARTMENT, CONFEDERATE STATES OF AMERICA,
Richmond, February 22, 1865.

SIR: I have the honor to recommend the following nominations for appointment in the Provisional Army of the Confederate States of America:

Major-general.

Brig. Gen. Bryan Grimes, of North Carolina, to rank from February 15, 1865.

Brigadier-generals.

Col. W. H. Forney, of Alabama, to rank from February 15, 1865.

Col. T. M. Logan, of South Carolina, to rank from February 15, 1865.

Col. W. R. Peck, of Louisiana, to rank from February 18, 1865.

I am, sir, respectfully, your obedient servant,

JOHN C. BRECKINRIDGE,
Secretary of War.

To His Excellency JEFFERSON DAVIS,
President, etc.

The message was read.

The Senate proceeded to consider the nomination of Col. W. R. Peck, to be brigadier-general (contained in the message of this day); and it was

Resolved, That the Senate do advise and consent to the appointment, agreeably to the nomination of the President.

Ordered, That the remaining nominations contained in the foregoing message be referred to the Committee on Military Affairs.

The following message was received from the President of the Confederate States, by Mr. B. N. Harrison, his Secretary:

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT, CONFEDERATE STATES OF AMERICA,
Richmond, February 22, 1865.

to the Senate of the Confederate States:

Agreeably to the recommendation of the Secretary of War, I nominate Col. W. P. Roberts, of North Carolina, to be brigadier-general in the Provisional Army of the Confederate States of America.

JEFFERSON DAVIS.

No. 210.]

WAR DEPARTMENT, CONFEDERATE STATES OF AMERICA,
Richmond, February 22, 1865.

SIR: I have the honor to recommend the nomination of Col. W. P. Roberts, of North Carolina, to be brigadier-general in the Provisional Army of the Confederate States of America, to command brigade, Army of Northern Virginia, vice General Dearing, to rank from February 21, 1865.

I am, sir, respectfully, your obedient servant,

JOHN C. BRECKINRIDGE,
Secretary of War.

To His Excellency JEFFERSON DAVIS,
President, etc.

The message was read.

Ordered, That it be referred to the Committee on Military Affairs.

The Senate resumed the consideration of the nomination of F. H. Robertson, to be a brigadier-general, with temporary rank, etc.; and it was

Resolved, That the Senate do not advise and consent to the appointment of F. H. Robertson, to be brigadier-general.

Mr. Wigfall, from the Committee on Military Affairs, who were instructed, by a resolution of the Senate (on the 18th instant) to inquire and report whether there is any legal impediment to the confirmation of Stephen D. Lee, to be a lieutenant-general in the Provisional Army of the Confederate States, and what the same is, if any in their judgment exists, reported

That he is nominated under the act of the 17th of February, 1864, which authorizes the appointment of lieutenant-generals to command departments and provides

that the officers appointed under the provisions of that act shall continue to hold the rank therein provided so long as they shall efficiently discharge the duties in command of said departments, and no longer, but will resume thereafter their former rank in the service. The committee are advised by the Secretary of War that Lieut. Gen. R. Taylor is now in command of the department to which General Lee was appointed, and therefore, in their judgment, General Lee's appointment can not be confirmed.

The report was read.

The Senate resumed the consideration of the nominations of I. M. St. John, to be colonel; Richard Morton and W. R. Hunt, to be lieutenant-colonels; Isaac Read, T. J. Finnie, John Ellicott, James F. Jones, and C. R. Barney, to be majors, and F. W. Smith, R. H. Temple, W. Gabbett, H. F. Reardon, R. C. Morton, B. A. Stovall, J. W. Pearce, S. Chalaron, and John R. Hale, to be captains (all of the Niter and Mining Corps), the further consideration of which was postponed on the 1st instant; and

On motion by Mr. Semmes,

Ordered, That they be recommitted to the Committee on Military Affairs.

Mr. Burnett, from the Committee on Military Affairs, to whom were referred (on the 13th ultimo) the nominations of Charles J. Munnerlyn, to be lieutenant-colonel, and William Footman, to be major of Munnerlyn's (commissary) battalion, reported thereon; and

On motion by Mr. Burnett,

Ordered, That it lie upon the table.

On motion by Mr. Semmes,

The Senate resolved into open legislative session.

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 23, 1865.

OPEN SESSION.

A message from the House of Representatives, by Mr. Dalton:

Mr. President: The House of Representatives have agreed to the amendments of the Senate to the bill (H. R. 325) to make appropriations for the support of the Government of the Confederate States of America from the 1st day of January to the 30th day of June, 1865.

The House of Representatives have passed the bill of the Senate (S. 170) to increase the number of acting midshipmen in the Navy, and to prescribe the mode of appointment.

Mr. Johnson of Georgia presented a series of resolutions passed at a meeting of the officers and men of Sorrel's brigade, Army of Northern Virginia, in relation to the condition of the country and the prosecution of the war; which were ordered to lie upon the table and be printed.

Mr. Watson presented a series of resolutions passed at a meeting of the officers and men of Harris' brigade in relation to the terms of peace proposed by the Government of the United States, and to the prosecution of the war; which were read.

Ordered, That they lie upon the table and be printed.

Mr. Wigfall (by leave) introduced

A bill (S. 206) to provide for the payment of cotton taken and used by the military authorities in the Trans-Mississippi Department; which was read the first and second times and referred to the Committee on Finance.

Mr. Wigfall, from the Committee on Military Affairs, to whom was referred the amendment of the House of Representatives to the bill (S. 166) to amend an act entitled "An act to provide and organize a general staff for armies in the field, to serve during the war," approved June 14, 1864, reported thereon.

The Senate proceeded to consider the amendment of the House of Representatives to the bill (S. 166) last mentioned; and

On motion by Mr. Wigfall,

Resolved, That the Senate disagree to the amendment of the House of Representatives to the said bill and ask a conference on the disagreeing votes of the two Houses thereon.

On motion by Mr. Wigfall,

Ordered, That the committee of conference on the part of the Senate be appointed by the President pro tempore; and

Mr. Wigfall, Mr. Orr, and Mr. Maxwell were appointed.

Ordered, That the Secretary inform the House of Representatives thereof.

Mr. Wigfall, from the Committee on Military Affairs, to whom was referred the bill (H. R. 383) to require noncommissioned officers and privates, held as prisoners of war, to be paid upon their individual certificates, supported by oath, reported it without amendment.

The Senate proceeded, as in Committee of the Whole, to the consideration of the said bill; and no amendment being proposed, it was reported to the Senate.

Ordered, That it pass to a third reading.

The said bill was read the third time.

Resolved, That it pass.

Ordered, That the Secretary inform the House of Representatives thereof.

Mr. Wigfall, from the Committee on Military Affairs, to whom was referred the bill (S. 202) to authorize the Ordnance Bureau to manufacture alcohol, reported it without amendment.

The Senate proceeded, as in Committee of the Whole, to the consideration of the said bill; and no amendment being proposed, it was reported to the Senate.

Ordered, That it be engrossed and read a third time.

The said bill was read the third time.

Resolved, That it pass, and that the title thereof be as aforesaid.

Ordered, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the House of Representatives therein.

Mr. Caperton, from the committee, reported that they had examined and found truly enrolled bills and joint resolutions of the following titles:

H. R. 273. An act to authorize the consolidation of companies, battalions, and regiments;

H. R. 304. An act to increase the efficiency of the cavalry of the Confederate States;

H. R. 336. An act to authorize the establishment of an office of deposit in connection with the Treasury;

H. R. 26. Joint resolution for the relief of James D. Brown;

H. R. 28. Joint resolution authorizing the transfer of funds in the Quartermaster-General's Department;

S. 101. An act to authorize the exchange of registered bonds issued

under the act of February 28, 1861, for coupon bonds of like amounts and times for payment;

S. 101. An act to extend the provisions of an act entitled "An act in relation to the receipt of counterfeit Treasury notes by public officers," approved May 1, 1863, and the provisions of the fifth section of the act approved February 17, 1861, entitled "An act to amend the act for the assessment and collection of taxes," approved May first, eighteen hundred and sixty three;

S. 135. An act to provide for the remission of the penalty for non-delivery of tithes of bacon due in the year 1861;

S. 146. An act making an appropriation for the removal and erection of the naval ropewalk;

S. 151. An act to provide for the canceling of four per cent bonds and certificates received in payment of taxes and other public dues; and

S. 22. Joint resolution exempting maple sugar from the tithe imposed by the act entitled "An act to amend an act entitled 'An act to lay taxes for the common defense and carry on the Government of the Confederate States,' approved April twenty fourth, eighteen hundred and sixty three," approved February 17, 1861.

The President pro tempore having signed the enrolled bills and enrolled joint resolutions last reported to have been examined, they were delivered to the Secretary of the Senate and by him forthwith presented to the President of the Confederate States for his approval.

The Senate proceeded, as in Committee of the Whole, to the consideration of the bill (H. R. 348) to increase the compensation of marshals, criers, jurors, and witnesses; and the reported amendment having been agreed to, the bill was reported to the Senate and the amendment was concurred in.

Ordered, That the amendment be engrossed and the bill read a third time.

The said bill as amended was read the third time.

Resolved, That it pass with an amendment.

Ordered, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the House of Representatives in the amendment.

The Senate proceeded, as in Committee of the Whole, to the consideration of the bill (H. R. 494) to facilitate the settlement of claims of deceased officers and soldiers; and no amendment being made, it was reported to the Senate.

On the question,

Shall the bill be read a third time?

It was determined in the negative.

So the bill was rejected.

Ordered, That the Secretary inform the House of Representatives thereof.

The Senate proceeded, as in Committee of the Whole, to the consideration of the bill (S. 139) to change the time for the assembling of Congress for its next regular session; and

On motion by Mr. Garland,

Ordered, That the further consideration thereof be postponed until Wednesday next.

On motion by Mr. Maxwell,

The Senate resolved into secret legislative session.

The doors having been opened,

The Senate resumed, as in Committee of the Whole, the consideration of the bill (S. 97) to prevent illegal impressments and to punish

lawlessness; and the reported amendment having been agreed to, the bill was reported to the Senate and the amendment was concurred in.

On the question,

Shall the bill be engrossed and read a third time?

It was determined in the negative.

So the bill was rejected.

The Senate proceeded to consider the motion submitted by Mr. Sparrow on the 15th instant, to reconsider the vote on passing the bill (S. 181) to provide supplies for the Army, and to prescribe the mode of making impressments; and

The motion was agreed to.

On motion by Mr. Walker, the vote on ordering the bill to its engrossment and third reading was also reconsidered.

The Senate resumed, as in Committee of the Whole, the consideration of the said bill.

On motion by Mr. Walker, to amend the bill by striking out all after the enacting clause and inserting:

That it shall not be lawful to impress any sheep, milch cows, brood mares, stallions, jacks, bulls, breeding hogs, or other stock kept or necessary for raising sheep, hogs, horses, mules, or cattle.

Sec. 2. That the term "just compensation" for property impressed or taken for public use, whenever the same occurs in any of the acts relating to impressments, is hereby declared to mean the usual market price of such property at the time and place of impressment.

Sec. 3. That so much of the fifth section of the act to regulate impressments, approved March twenty-sixth, eighteen hundred and sixty-three, as authorizes the boards of commissioners appointed by the President and governors of the respective States to fix, in advance, upon the prices to be paid for property impressed or taken for public use, and to agree upon and publish schedules of prices for property so impressed, is hereby repealed: *Provided, however*, That nothing herein contained shall be construed as prohibiting said commissioners from fixing upon and publishing schedules of prices to be paid by the Government or by the families of soldiers to persons holding exemptions or details upon conditions which bind such persons to sell to the Government or to the families of soldiers at prices fixed by said commissioners.

Sec. 4. That in all cases of appeals to the boards of commissioners, appointed by the President and the governors of the respective States, from the appraisements of impressed property made by local appraisers, it shall be the duty of said commissioners to hear the proofs adduced by the parties as to the usual market price of the property at the time and place of impressment, and to assess the same according to the testimony submitted in the particular case. On such appeals the commissioners shall receive and consider such legal oral testimony as may be offered, and also affidavits or depositions of competent witnesses taken before and certified by any justice of the peace or judge or clerk of any court of record. Witnesses examined by such board may be sworn by either of the commissioners. Where the appeal is taken by the impressing officer and the same is not brought to a hearing, and a final award in the case made by the commissioners within ninety days after the date of the original appraisement, such appeal shall be considered as abandoned, and shall not be afterwards heard, and the original appraisement shall be treated as final and conclusive.

It was determined in the affirmative.

No further amendment being made, the bill was reported to the Senate and the amendment was concurred in.

Ordered, That the bill be engrossed and read a third time.

The said bill was read the third time and the title was amended.

On the question,

Shall the bill now pass?

It was determined in the affirmative. { Yeas

{ Nays

On motion by Mr. Orr,

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present, Those who voted in the affirmative are,
Messrs. Baker, Garland, Graham, Hunter, Johnson of Georgia, Orr, Semmes, Simms, Vest, Walker, Watson, and Wigfall.

Those who voted in the negative are,
Messrs. Barnwell, Brown, Burnett, Henry, Johnson of Missouri, and Oldham.

So it was

Resolved, That this bill pass, and that the title thereof be "An act to amend the law in relation to impressments."

Ordered, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the House of Representatives therein.

On motion by Mr. Semmes,

The Senate adjourned.

SECRET SESSION.

The Senate proceeded, as in Committee of the Whole, to the consideration of the joint resolution (H. R. 29) in relation to the services of Manuel and Rafael Armijo and Julian Tesorio; and no amendment being made, it was reported to the Senate.

Mr. Watson, on his motion, was excused from voting on the resolution.

On the question,

Shall the resolution be read a third time?

It was determined in the negative.	Y	Yeas	-----	7
	N	Nays	-----	12

On motion by Mr. Orr,

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present, Those who voted in the affirmative are,

Messrs. Baker, Brown, Caperton, Johnson of Missouri, Maxwell, Oldham, and Simms.

Those who voted in the negative are,

Messrs. Barnwell, Burnett, Garland, Graham, Henry, Hunter, Johnson of Georgia, Orr, Semmes, Vest, Walker, and Wigfall.

So the resolution was rejected.

Ordered, That the Secretary inform the House of Representatives thereof.

On motion by Mr. Oldham,

Ordered, That the injunction of secrecy be removed from the proceedings and debates of the Senate on the bill (S. 190) to provide for raising 200,000 negro troops.

On motion by Mr. Wigfall,

The Senate resolved into executive session.

EXECUTIVE SESSION.

Mr. Wigfall, from the Committee on Military Affairs, to whom were referred (on the 16th ultimo) the nomination of W. F. Drinkard, to be military storekeeper of ordnance, with pay and allowance of captain of infantry; and (on the 21st instant) the nominations of Joseph T. Tucker, W. G. Foster, E. M. Feild, G. F. Whittfield, K. Otey, Thomas H. Owen, to be colonels; James B. McCreary, James T. Gee, W. C. Oates, J. R. Lowellen, John G. Webb, Jos. C. Webb, and William M. Feild, to be lieutenant-colonels; R. W. Jones, J. W. Arnold, W. W.

Humphreys, W. H. McKamy, E. Hutton, C. Herring, and R. P. Jerome, to be majors; C. R. Barteau, to be colonel; G. H. Morton, to be lieutenant-colonel, and O. B. Farris, to be major of Twenty-second Tennessee Cavalry Regiment; E. T. Reynolds, R. H. Beazley, C. Gray, William McConnell, and B. Levy, to be adjutants, with the rank of first lieutenants, reported, with the recommendation that all of said nominations be confirmed.

The Senate proceeded to consider said report; and in concurrence therewith, it was

Resolved, That the Senate do advise and consent to their appointment, agreeably to the nomination of the President.

Mr. Wigfall, from the Committee on Military Affairs, to whom were referred (on the 22d instant) the nominations of Brig. Gen. Bryan Grimes, to be major-general, and Cols. W. H. Forney, T. M. Logan, and W. P. Roberts, to be brigadier-generals, reported, with the recommendation that all of said nominations be confirmed.

The Senate proceeded to consider said report; and in concurrence therewith, it was

Resolved, That the Senate do advise and consent to their appointment, agreeably to the nomination of the President.

Mr. Wigfall, from the Committee on Military Affairs, to whom were recommitteed (on the 22d instant) the nominations of Lieut. Col. I. M. St. John, to be colonel; Majs. Richard Morton and W. R. Hunt, to be lieutenant-colonels; Capts. Isaac Read, T. J. Finnie, John Ellicott, James F. Jones, and C. R. Barney, to be majors, and First Lieuts. F. W. Smith, R. H. Temple, W. Gabbett, H. F. Reardon, R. C. Morton, B. A. Stovall, J. W. Pearce, S. Chalaron, and John R. Hale, to be captains in the Niter and Mining Corps, reported back the same, with the recommendation that they be confirmed.

The Senate proceeded to consider said report; and in concurrence therewith, it was

Resolved, That the Senate do advise and consent to their appointment, agreeably to the nomination of the President.

Mr. Baker, from the Committee on Post-Offices and Post-Roads, to whom was referred (on the 21st instant) the nomination of A. C. Hege, to be postmaster at Lexington, Davidson County, N. C., reported, with the recommendation that said nomination be confirmed.

The Senate proceeded to consider said report; and in concurrence therewith, it was

Resolved, That the Senate do advise and consent to the appointment, agreeably to the nomination of the President.

On motion by Mr. Orr,

The Senate resolved into open legislative session.

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 24, 1865.

OPEN SESSION.

A message from the House of Representatives, by Mr. Dalton:

Mr. President: The House of Representatives have passed bills of the following titles, in which they request the concurrence of the Senate:

H. R. 234. An act to increase the number of ordnance sergeants in the Provisional Army; and

H. R. 379. An act to levy additional taxes for the year 1865, for the support of the Government.

And they have passed the bill of the Senate (S. 163) to authorize the appointment of additional officers in the Engineer Corps.

The Speaker of the House of Representatives having signed sundry enrolled bills and an enrolled joint resolution, I am directed to bring them to the Senate for the signature of their President.

Mr. Semmes, from the Committee on Finance, to whom was referred the bill (H. R. 378) to provide for the immediate payment of arrears due to the Army and Navy, reported it with the recommendation that it ought not to pass.

Mr. Wigfall, from the Committee on Military Affairs, to whom was referred the amendment of the House of Representatives to the bill (S. 169) to abolish the office of certain quartermasters and assistant quartermasters, commissaries and assistant commissaries, and to provide for the appointment of bonded agents in said departments, reported thereon.

The bills received this day from the House of Representatives for concurrence were severally read the first and second times; and

Ordered, That the bill numbered 234 be referred to the Committee on Military Affairs and the bill numbered 379 to the Committee on Finance.

On motion by Mr. Hunter,

The Senate resolved into secret legislative session.

The doors having been opened,

On motion by Mr. Semmes,

The Senate adjourned.

SECRET SESSION.

Mr. Hunter (by leave) introduced

A bill (S. 207) to authorize the issue of licenses for the sale of tobacco and cotton; which was read the first and second times and referred to the Committee on Finance.

Mr. Wigfall submitted the following motion for consideration:

Ordered, That the vote by which the Senate refused to pass to a third reading the joint resolution (H. R. 29) in relation to the services of Manuel and Rafael Armijo and Julian Tesorio be reconsidered.

On motion by Mr. Wigfall,

The Senate resolved into executive session.

EXECUTIVE SESSION.

Mr. Wigfall, from the Committee on Military Affairs, to whom was committed (on the 14th instant) the nomination of E. G. Lee, to be brigadier-general, reported back the same with the recommendation that it be not confirmed.

The Senate proceeded to consider said report; and in concurrence therewith, it was

Resolved, That the Senate do not advise and consent to the appointment of E. G. Lee, to be a brigadier-general.

On motion by Mr. Orr,

The Senate resolved into open legislative session.

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 25, 1865.

OPEN SESSION.

Mr. Brown submitted the following resolution; which was considered and agreed to:

Resolved, That Admiral Franklin Buchanan, of the Confederate States Navy, be invited to a privileged seat on the floor of the Senate, and that the presiding officer of the Senate be requested to furnish the Admiral with a copy of this resolution.

Mr. Henry submitted the following resolution; which was considered and agreed to:

Resolved, That the privilege of the floor of the Senate be extended to the Honorable Isham G. Harris, governor of the State of Tennessee, and that the Secretary of the Senate be directed to communicate a copy of this resolution to Governor Harris.

On motion by Mr. Henry, that the Hon. Landon C. Haynes have leave of absence until the close of the present session,

It was determined in the negative, {	Yeas	7
	Nays	9

On motion by Mr. Wigfall,

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present,
Those who voted in the affirmative are,

Messrs. Baker, Garland, Graham, Henry, Orr, Simms, and Walker.

Those who voted in the negative are,

Messrs. Barnwell, Brown, Hunter, Johnson of Georgia, Johnson of Missouri, Maxwell, Semmes, Watson, and Wigfall.

The President pro tempore laid before the Senate a resolution of the general assembly of the State of Virginia in relation to the Confederate States impressment laws; which was read.

Ordered, That it lie upon the table and be printed.

Mr. Wigfall, from the Committee on Military Affairs, to whom was referred the bill (H. R. 234) to increase the number of ordnance sergeants in the Provisional Army, reported it without amendment.

The Senate proceeded, as in Committee of the Whole, to the consideration of the said bill; and no amendment being proposed, it was reported to the Senate.

On the question.

Shall the bill be read a third time?

It was determined in the negative.

So the bill was rejected.

Ordered, That the Secretary inform the House of Representatives thereof.

A message from the House of Representatives, by Mr. Dalton:

Mr. President: The House of Representatives have passed a joint resolution (H. R. 30) expressing the sense of Congress on the subject of the late peace commission; in which they request the concurrence of the Senate.

The House of Representatives have concurred in the amendments of the Senate to the bill (H. R. 377) to establish an arsenal and foundry in the valley of Deep River, in the State of North Carolina, and to the bill (H. R. 382) to amend the fourteenth section of an act entitled "An act to reduce the currency and to authorize a new issue of notes and bonds."

Mr. Walker, from the Committee on the Judiciary, to whom was referred the bill (H. R. 384) for the relief of bonded agriculturists in certain cases, reported it without amendment.

The Senate proceeded, as in Committee of the Whole, to the consideration of the said bill.

On motion by Mr. Maxwell, to amend the bill by inserting after "field," section 1, line 5, the words "not less than one month,"

It was determined in the affirmative.

On motion by Mr. Semmes, to amend the bill by striking out the first section,

It was determined in the negative,	{ Yeas -----	8
	{ Nays -----	10

On motion by Mr. Burnett,

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present, Those who voted in the affirmative are,

Messrs. Barnwell, Burnett, Garland, Henry, Hunter, Semmes, Simms, and Vest.

Those who voted in the negative are,

Messrs. Baker, Brown, Johnson of Georgia, Johnson of Missouri, Maxwell, Oldham, Orr, Walker, Watson, and Wigfall.

On motion by Mr. Johnson of Missouri, to amend the bill by inserting after "month," section 1, line 5, the word "continuously,"

It was determined in the affirmative.

On motion by Mr. Oldham, to reconsider the vote on disagreeing to the amendment proposed by Mr. Semmes, to strike out the first section of the bill,

It was determined in the affirmative,	{ Yeas -----	11
	{ Nays -----	6

On motion by Mr. Simms,

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present, Those who voted in the affirmative are,

Messrs. Barnwell, Burnett, Garland, Henry, Hunter, Johnson of Missouri, Oldham, Semmes, Simms, Vest, and Wigfall.

Those who voted in the negative are,

Messrs. Baker, Johnson of Georgia, Maxwell, Orr, Walker, and Watson.

The Senate resumed the consideration of the amendment proposed by Mr. Semmes; and

On the question to agree thereto,

It was determined in the affirmative.

The bill having been further amended on the motion of Mr. Semmes, it was reported to the Senate and the amendments were concurred in.

Ordered, That the amendments be engrossed and the bill read a third time.

The said bill as amended was read the third time.

Resolved, That it pass with amendments.

Ordered, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the House of Representatives in the amendments.

Mr. Maxwell, from the committee, reported that they had examined and found truly enrolled bills of the following titles:

S. 84. An act to regulate, for a limited period, the compensation of the officers, clerks, and employees of the civil departments of the Government in the city of Richmond;

S. 94. An act to amend the law in relation to the receipt of counterfeit Treasury notes by public officers;

S. 187. An act to regulate the business of conscription;

H. R. 303. An act for the further organization of the field artillery of the Confederate States; and

H. R. 368. An act for the relief of James Sykes, agent of James W. Sykes.

The President pro tempore having signed the enrolled bills last reported to have been examined, they were delivered to the Secretary of the Senate and by him forthwith presented to the President of the Confederate States for his approval.

The joint resolution (H. R. 30) received this day from the House of Representatives for concurrence was read the first and second times and referred to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

The Senate proceeded, as in Committee of the Whole, to the consideration of the bill (H. R. 378) to provide for the immediate payment of arrears due to the Army and Navy; and no amendment being proposed, it was reported to the Senate.

On the question,

Shall the bill be read a third time?

It was determined in the negative.

So the bill was rejected.

Ordered, That the Secretary inform the House of Representatives thereof.

The Senate proceeded to consider the amendment of the House of Representatives to the bill (S. 169) to abolish the office of certain quartermasters and assistant quartermasters, commissaries and assistant commissaries, and to provide for the appointment of bonded agents in said departments; and

On motion by Mr. Maxwell, that the further consideration thereof be postponed indefinitely,

It was determined in the negative.

On motion by Mr. Burnett,

Resolved, That the Senate concur in the amendment of the House of Representatives to said bill.

Ordered, That the Secretary inform the House of Representatives thereof.

On motion by Mr. Wigfall,

The Senate resolved into executive session.

The doors having been opened,

On motion by Mr. Semmes,

The Senate adjourned.

EXECUTIVE SESSION.

Mr. Wigfall, from the Committee on Military Affairs, to whom were referred (respectively, on the 6th, 14th, and 29th December, 1864, and on the 25th ultimo) the nominations of William H. Capers, C. C. Morgan, B. H. Blanton, Charles W. Digges, P. G. Johnson, D. H. Reid, J. E. Porter, Graham Daves, H. L. Davis, J. Stephenson, W. Abercrombie, J. M. Davis, S. W. Oliver, James H. Murray, A. Huguenin, John R. Carwile, John E. Saunders, and Charles Haigh, to be aids-de-camp, with the rank of first lieutenant, reported, with the recommendation that they lie upon the table.

The Senate proceeded to consider said report; and in concurrence therewith, it was

Resolved, That all of said nominations lie upon the table.

Mr. Wigfall, from the Committee on Military Affairs, submitted the following resolution for consideration:

Resolved, That Major-General Stephen D. Lee, having been appointed lieutenant-general under the act of February seventeenth, eighteen hundred and sixty-four, and having been relieved from the discharge of the duties in the command to which he was appointed, can not be confirmed by the Senate to the said command, but must now resume his former rank in the service.

The Senate proceeded to consider said resolution; and

On motion by Mr. Semmes,

The Senate resolved into open legislative session.

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 27, 1865.

OPEN SESSION.

Mr. Simms presented a series of resolutions passed at a meeting of Kentucky soldiers held at Camp Lee, near the city of Richmond, in relation to the prosecution of the war and placing negroes in the Army as soldiers; which were ordered to lie upon the table and be printed.

On motion by Mr. Semmes,

Ordered, That the Committee on Finance have leave to sit during the sessions of the Senate.

Mr. Baker, from the Committee on Claims, to whom was referred the bill (S. 203) for the relief of Thomas Lanigan, reported it with the recommendation that it ought not to pass.

Mr. Brown presented the memorial of Peter James, jr., praying compensation for two slaves lost while in the service of the Confederate States; which was referred to the Committee on Claims.

Mr. Henry, from the committee of conference on the part of the Senate on the disagreeing votes of the two Houses on the bill (S. 117) to authorize the commanders of the reserves in each State to order general courts-martial and to revise the proceedings of courts-martial and military courts reported

That, having met the managers on the part of the House of Representatives, and having conferred, they have come to an agreement thereon, and recommend for adoption: first, the Senate agrees to the amendment of the House inserting after the word "all," in the fifth line, the word "military;" second, the House recedes from the second amendment adopted by the House, and agrees to the amendment passed by the Senate, with the following proviso: "*Provided*, When reserves are not on duty in the field the military courts created by statute shall have no jurisdiction to try offenses committed by them."

The Senate proceeded to consider the said report; and

Resolved, That they concur therein, and that the bill be amended accordingly.

Ordered, That the Secretary inform the House of Representatives thereof.

A message from the House of Representatives, by Mr. Dalton:

Mr. President: The House of Representatives have passed bills of the following titles; in which they request the concurrence of the Senate:

H. R. 387. An act to amend an act entitled "An act to establish and organize two bureaus in connection with the agency of the Treasury," etc., approved February 17, 1864, and to provide for the more efficient organization of the agency of the Treasury for the Trans-Mississippi Department;

H. R. 388. An act to authorize the First Auditor to receive and keep the accounts of the Navy Department;

H. R. 389. An act to amend an act to authorize the appointment of assistants to the Register in signing bonds and certificates, approved February 14, 1863; and

H. R. 390. An act for the relief of taxpayers in certain cases.

The President of the Confederate States has notified the House of Representatives that on the 23d instant he approved and signed the following acts and joint resolutions:

H. R. 273. An act to authorize the consolidation of companies, battalions, and regiments;

H. R. 304. An act to increase the efficiency of the cavalry of the Confederate States;

H. R. 336. An act to authorize the establishment of an office of deposit in connection with the Treasury;

H. R. 26. Joint resolution for the relief of James D. Brown; and

H. R. 28. Joint resolution authorizing the transfer of funds in the Quartermaster-General's Department.

The Speaker of the House of Representatives having signed sundry enrolled bills and an enrolled joint resolution, I am directed to bring them to the Senate for the signature of their President.

The bills (H. R. 387, 388, 389, and 390) received this day from the House of Representatives for concurrence were severally read the first and second times and referred to the Committee on Finance.

On motion by Mr. Semmes,

The Senate resolved into secret legislative session.

The doors having been opened,

On motion by Mr. Baker,

The Senate adjourned.

SECRET SESSION.

A message from the House of Representatives, by Mr. Dalton:

Mr. President: The House of Representatives have passed a bill (H. R. 392) to provide transportation for Senators, Representatives, and Delegates in Congress to their respective places of residence, and to increase, for a limited time, their salaries; in which they request the concurrence of the Senate.

The bill (H. R. 392) last mentioned was read the first and second times and considered as in Committee of the Whole; and no amendment being proposed, it was reported to the Senate.

Ordered, That it pass to a third reading.

The said bill was read the third time.

Resolved, That it pass.

Ordered, That the Secretary inform the House of Representatives thereof.

On motion by Mr. Wigfall,

The Senate resolved into executive session.

EXECUTIVE SESSION.

Mr. Wigfall, from the Committee on Military Affairs, to whom was referred (on the 15th instant) the nomination of H. T. Scott, to be an artillery officer, for ordnance duty, with the rank of captain, reported, with the recommendation that said nomination be confirmed.

The Senate proceeded to consider said report; and in concurrence therewith, it was

Resolved, That the Senate do advise and consent to his appointment, agreeably to the nomination of the President.

Mr. Johnson of Missouri, from the Committee on Indian Affairs, to whom was referred (on the 22d instant) the nomination of Brig. Gen. Douglas H. Cooper, to be Superintendent of Indian Affairs, reported, with the recommendation that said nomination be confirmed.

The Senate proceeded to consider said report; and in concurrence therewith, it was

Resolved, That the Senate do advise and consent to his appointment, agreeably to the nomination of the President.

On motion by Mr. Baker.

The Senate resolved into open legislative session.

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 28, 1865.

OPEN SESSION.

Mr. Burnett presented a series of resolutions passed at a meeting of the officers and men of Duke's Kentucky cavalry in relation to the prosecution of the war; which were ordered to lie upon the table and be printed.

Mr. Watson (by leave) introduced

A bill (S. 208) to provide for returned prisoners of war; which was read the first and second times and considered as in Committee of the Whole; and no amendment being proposed, it was reported to the Senate.

Ordered, That it be engrossed and read a third time.

The said bill was read the third time.

Resolved, That it pass, and that the title thereof be as aforesaid.

Ordered, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the House of Representatives therein.

A message from the House of Representatives, by Mr. Dalton:

Mr. President: The President of the Confederate States has notified the House of Representatives that on the 25th instant he approved and signed the following acts:

H. R. 303. An act for the further organization of the field artillery of the Confederate States; and

H. R. 368. An act for the relief of James Sykes, agent of James W. Sykes.

Mr. Semmes, from the Committee on Finance, reported

A bill (S. 209) to continue in force and extend an act entitled "An act to increase the compensation of the noncommissioned officers and privates of the Army of the Confederate States," approved June 9, 1864;

which was read the first and second times and considered as in Committee of the Whole; and no amendment being proposed, it was reported to the Senate.

Ordered, That it be engrossed and read a third time.

The said bill was read the third time.

Resolved, That it pass, and that the title thereof be as aforesaid.

Ordered, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the House of Representatives therein.

Mr. Semmes, from the Committee on Finance, to whom was referred the bill (H. R. 379) to levy additional taxes for the year 1865, for the support of the Government, reported it with amendments.

Ordered, That the bill and amendments be printed.

Mr. Oldham submitted the views of the minority of the committee on the said bill; which were ordered to be printed.

Mr. Semmes, from the Committee on Finance, to whom was referred the bill (H. R. 389) to amend an act to authorize the appointment of assistants to the Register in signing bonds and certificates, approved February 14, 1863, reported it with an amendment.

The Senate proceeded, as in Committee of the Whole, to the con-

sideration of the said bill; and the reported amendment having been agreed to, the bill was reported to the Senate and the amendment was concurred in.

Ordered, That the amendment be engrossed and the bill read a third time.

The said bill as amended was read the third time.

Resolved, That it pass with an amendment.

Ordered, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the House of Representatives in the amendment.

Mr. Semmes, from the Committee on Finance, to whom was referred the bill (H. R. 388) to authorize the First Auditor to receive and keep the accounts of the Navy Department, reported it without amendment.

The Senate proceeded, as in Committee of the Whole, to the consideration of the said bill; and no amendment being proposed, it was reported to the Senate.

Ordered, That it pass to a third reading.

The said bill was read the third time.

Resolved, That it pass.

Ordered, That the Secretary inform the House of Representatives thereof.

Mr. Wigfall, from the Committee on Military Affairs, reported

A bill (S. 210) to further regulate the control and management of hospitals;

which was read and passed to a second reading.

Ordered, That it be printed.

Mr. Maxwell, from the committee, reported that they had examined and found truly enrolled bills and a joint resolution of the following titles:

H. R. 319. An act more effectually to prevent and punish absenteeism and desertion in the Army;

H. R. 373. An act to provide for the more efficient transportation of troops, supplies, and munitions of war upon the railroads, steamboats, and canals in the Confederate States, and to control telegraph lines employed by Government;

H. R. 375. An act authorizing proof to be received of the loss or destruction of vouchers necessary in the settlement of accounts;

H. R. 27. Joint resolution for the relief of the legal representatives of John R. Cardwell;

S. 129. An act to provide for the employment of free negroes and slaves to work upon fortifications and perform other labor connected with the defenses of the country;

S. 163. An act to authorize the appointment of additional officers in the Engineer Corps; and

S. 170. An act to increase the number of acting midshipmen in the Navy, and to prescribe the mode of appointment.

The President pro tempore having signed the enrolled bills and enrolled joint resolution last reported to have been examined, they were delivered to the Secretary of the Senate and by him forthwith presented to the President of the Confederate States for his approval.

A message from the President of the Confederate States, by Mr. B. N. Harrison, his Secretary:

Mr. President: The President of the Confederate States, on the 18th instant, approved and signed the following acts and joint resolutions:

S. 86. An act fixing the salaries of certain civil officers in the Trans-Mississippi Department;

S. 102. An act to authorize the exportation of produce and merchandise bought from the Government;

S. 179. An act to amend an act to provide for holding elections for Representatives in the Congress of the Confederate States from the State of Missouri, approved January 19, 1864;

S. 20. Joint resolution relating to the manufacture of railroad iron and to new lines of railroad;

S. 28. Joint resolution of thanks to the officers and soldiers of Gen. Bushrod Johnson's old brigade of Tennessee troops and the brigade of the late General Archer, composed of Tennessee and Maryland troops, now in the Army of Northern Virginia; and

S. 29. Joint resolution extending the provisions of the joint resolution to allow sick and wounded officers of the Army transportation to their homes, and hospital accommodations, approved June 10, 1864.

On the 23d instant the President approved and signed the following acts:

S. 101. An act to authorize the exchange of registered bonds issued under the act of February 28, 1861, for coupon bonds of like amounts and times of payment;

S. 104. An act to extend the provisions of an act entitled "An act in relation to the receipt of counterfeit Treasury notes by public officers," approved May 1, 1863, and the provisions of the fifth section of the act approved February 17, 1864, entitled "An act to amend the act for the assessment and collection of taxes, approved May first, eighteen hundred and sixty-three;"

S. 135. An act to provide for the remission of the penalty for nondelivery of titles of bacon due in the year 1864;

S. 146. An act making an appropriation for the removal and erection of the naval ropewalk; and

S. 151. An act to provide for the canceling of four per cent bonds and certificates received in payment of taxes and other public dues.

On the 24th instant the President approved and signed a joint resolution (S. 22) exempting maple sugar from the title imposed by the act entitled "An act to amend an act entitled 'An act to lay taxes for the common defense and carry on the Government of the Confederate States,' approved April twenty-fourth, eighteen hundred and sixty-three," approved February 17, 1864.

On the 25th instant the President approved and signed the following acts:

S. 84. An act to regulate, for a limited period, the compensation of the officers, clerks, and employees of the civil departments of the Government in the city of Richmond; and

S. 94. An act to amend the law in relation to the receipt of counterfeit Treasury notes by public officers.

Ordered. That the Secretary inform the House of Representatives thereof.

The following message was received from the President of the Confederate States, by Mr. B. N. Harrison, his Secretary:

RICHMOND, VA., February 25, 1865.

To the Senate and House of Representatives:

I herewith transmit for your consideration a communication from the Secretary of War, covering an estimate for an additional appropriation required by the War Department.

JEFFERSON DAVIS.

The message was read.

Ordered. That it be referred to the Committee on Finance.

The following message was received from the President of the Confederate States, by Mr. B. N. Harrison, his Secretary:

RICHMOND, VA., February 27, 1865.

To the Senate and House of Representatives:

I herewith transmit for your consideration a communication from the Postmaster-General relative to an act fixing the salaries of certain civil officers in the Trans-Mississippi Department, and invite your special attention to his suggestions, with a view to further legislation on the subject if you deem it necessary.

JEFFERSON DAVIS.

The message was read.

Ordered, That it be referred to the Committee on Post-Offices and Post-Roads.

On motion by Mr. Johnson of Georgia,

The Senate resumed, as in Committee of the Whole, the consideration of the bill (H. R. 266) to amend post route No. 1649, in the State of Georgia.

On motion by Mr. Johnson of Georgia, to amend the bill by striking out the words "and Youngsville," line 5,

It was determined in the affirmative.

On motion by Mr. Orr, to amend the bill by striking out all after the enacting clause and inserting:

That every public highway in the Confederate States be, and the same is hereby, declared a post route,

It was determined in the negative, { Yeas----- 6
Nays----- 10

On motion by Mr. Orr,

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present, Those who voted in the affirmative are,

Messrs. Barnwell, Burnett, Maxwell, Orr, Watson, and Wigfall.

Those who voted in the negative are,

Messrs. Brown, Graham, Hunter, Johnson of Georgia, Johnson of Missouri, Oldham, Semmes, Simms, Vest, and Walker.

No further amendment being made, the bill was reported to the Senate and the amendment was concurred in.

Ordered, That the amendment be engrossed and the bill read a third time.

The said bill as amended was read the third time.

Resolved, That it pass with an amendment.

Ordered, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the House of Representatives in the amendment.

The Senate proceeded, as in Committee of the Whole, to the consideration of the bill (S. 203) for the relief of Thomas Lanigan; and

On motion by Mr. Burnett,

Ordered, That it lie upon the table.

On motion by Mr. Orr,

The Senate resolved into secret legislative session.

The doors having been opened,

The following message was received from the House of Representatives, by Mr. Dalton:

Mr. President: The House of Representatives have passed a bill (H. R. 393) to provide for paying in cotton the annuities due the Seminole, Creek, Choctaw, and Chickasaw nations of Indians; in which they request the concurrence of the Senate.

The House of Representatives have agreed to the report of the committee of conference on the disagreeing votes of the two Houses on the bill (S. 117) to authorize the commanders of the reserves in each State to order general courts-martial and to revise the proceedings of courts-martial and military courts.

Mr. Oldham (by leave) introduced

A bill (S. 211) to confine the outstanding circulation of Treasury notes within a fixed and limited amount; which was read and passed to a second reading.

Ordered, That it be printed.

A message from the House of Representatives, by Mr. Dalton:

Mr. President: The House of Representatives have passed the bill of the Senate (S. 208) to provide for returned prisoners of war, with an amendment; in which they request the concurrence of the Senate.

The Senate proceeded to consider the amendment of the House of Representatives to the bill (S. 208) last mentioned; and

Resolved, That they concur therein.

Ordered, That the Secretary inform the House of Representatives thereof.

The bill (H. R. 393) received this day from the House of Representatives for concurrence was read the first and second times and referred to the Committee on Indian Affairs.

Mr. Orr submitted the following resolution; which was considered and agreed to:

Resolved, That the Secretary of the Senate be authorized to employ such temporary clerical force as will be sufficient to keep up the business of the Senate during the remainder of the present session.

On motion by Mr. Caperton.

The Senate adjourned.

SECRET SESSION.

A message from the House of Representatives, by Mr. Dalton:

Mr. President: The House of Representatives have passed a bill (H. R. 361) to provide for the establishment of a bureau of special and secret service; in which they request the concurrence of the Senate.

The bill (H. R. 361) last mentioned was read the first and second times and referred to the Committee on Military Affairs.

Mr. Semmes, from the Committee on Finance, to whom was referred the bill (S. 207) to authorize the issue of licenses for the sale of tobacco and cotton, reported it without amendment.

The Senate proceeded, as in Committee of the Whole, to the consideration of the said bill; and

On motion by Mr. Oldham, that the further consideration of the bill be postponed until Thursday next,

It was determined in the negative,	{ Yeas	7
	{ Nays	11

On motion by Mr. Oldham,

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present,
Those who voted in the affirmative are,

Messrs. Baker, Burnett, Henry, Johnson of Missouri, Oldham, Simms, and Wigfall.

Those who voted in the negative are,

Messrs. Barnwell, Caperton, Graham, Hunter, Johnson of Georgia, Maxwell, Orr, Semmes, Vest, Walker, and Watson.

After debate,

On motion by Mr. Simms, that the further consideration of the bill be postponed until to-morrow,

It was determined in the negative.

No amendment being made, the bill was reported to the Senate.

Ordered, That it be engrossed and read a third time.

The said bill was read the third time and the title was amended.

On the question,

Shall the bill now pass?

It was determined in the affirmative,	{ Yeas	14
	{ Nays	3

On motion by Mr. Oldham,

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present, Those who voted in the affirmative are,
Messrs. Baker, Barnwell, Caperton, Graham, Henry, Hunter, Maxwell, Orr, Semmes, Simms, Vest, Walker, Watson, and Wigfall.

Those who voted in the negative are,

Messrs. Johnson of Georgia, Johnson of Missouri, and Oldham.

So it was

Resolved, That this bill pass, and that the title thereof be "An act to authorize the issue of licenses for the sale of tobacco, cotton, and naval stores."

Ordered, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the House of Representatives therein.

Mr. Caperton (by leave) introduced

A joint resolution (S. 33) extending the provisions of the act entitled "An act to provide transportation for Senators, Representatives, and Delegates in Congress to their respective places of residence, and to increase, for a limited time, their salaries;"

which was read the first and second times and referred to the Committee on Finance.

On motion by Mr. Hunter,

The Senate resolved into executive session.

EXECUTIVE SESSION.

The following messages were received from the President of the Confederate States, by Mr. B. N. Harrison, his Secretary:

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT, CONFEDERATE STATES OF AMERICA,

Richmond, February 23, 1865.

To the Senate of the Confederate States:

Agreeably to the recommendation of the Secretary of War, I nominate the officers on the accompanying list to the grades affixed to their names, respectively.

JEFFERSON DAVIS.

No. 217.]

WAR DEPARTMENT, CONFEDERATE STATES OF AMERICA,

Richmond, February 22, 1865.

SIR: I have the honor to recommend the following nominations for promotion in the Provisional Army of the Confederate States of America:

Colonels.

Lieut. Col. T. H. Herndon, of Alabama, to be colonel Thirty-sixth Alabama Regiment, vice Colonel Woodruff, retired, to rank from December 13, 1864.

Maj. O. M. Messiek, of Texas, to be colonel Eleventh Texas Cavalry Regiment, vice Colonel Burks and Lieutenant-Colonel Bounds, deceased, to rank from October 27, 1863.

Lieutenant-colonels.

Maj. J. C. Timberlake, of Virginia, to be lieutenant-colonel Fifty-third Virginia Regiment, vice Lieutenant-Colonel Martin, retired, to rank from October 22, 1864.

Maj. G. M. Norment, of North Carolina, to be lieutenant-colonel Thirty-fourth North Carolina Regiment, vice Lieutenant-Colonel Gordon, retired, to rank from November 25, 1864.

Major.

Capt. D. C. Hatcher, of Virginia, to be major Seventh Virginia Cavalry Regiment, vice Major Marshall, deceased, to rank from February 4, 1865.

I am, sir, respectfully, your obedient servant,

JOHN C. BRECKINRIDGE,

Secretary of War.

To His Excellency JEFFERSON DAVIS,

President, etc.

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT, CONFEDERATE STATES OF AMERICA,

Richmond, February 24, 1865.

To the Senate of the Confederate States:

Agreeably to the recommendation of the Secretary of War, I nominate the officers on the accompanying list to the grades affixed to their names, respectively.

JEFFERSON DAVIS.

No. 209.]

WAR DEPARTMENT, CONFEDERATE STATES OF AMERICA,

Richmond, February 21, 1865.

SIR: I have the honor to recommend the following nominations for promotion in the Provisional Army of the Confederate States of America:

ARTILLERY OFFICERS, UNDER ACT APPROVED JANUARY 22, 1862.

Brigadier-general.

Col. R. L. Walker, of Virginia, to be brigadier-general of artillery, for duty with Army of Northern Virginia (an original vacancy), to rank from February 18, 1865.

Colonels.

Lieut. Col. W. Nelson, of Virginia, to be colonel of artillery, vice Colonel Walker, promoted, to rank from February 18, 1865.

Lieut. Col. D. G. McIntosh, of South Carolina, to be colonel of artillery (an original vacancy), to rank from February 18, 1865.

Lieut. Col. F. Huger, of South Carolina, to be colonel of artillery (an original vacancy), to rank from February 18, 1865.

Lieut. Col. W. J. Pegram, of Virginia, to be colonel of artillery (an original vacancy), to rank from February 18, 1865.

Lieutenant-colonels.

Maj. John Lane, of Georgia, to be lieutenant-colonel of artillery, vice Lieutenant-Colonel Nelson, promoted, to rank from February 18, 1865.

Maj. John C. Haskell, of South Carolina, to be lieutenant-colonel of artillery, vice Lieutenant-Colonel McIntosh, promoted, to rank from February 18, 1865.

Maj. W. M. Owen, of Louisiana, to be lieutenant-colonel of artillery, vice Lieutenant-Colonel Huger, promoted, to rank from February 18, 1865.

Maj. W. E. Cutshaw, of Virginia, to be lieutenant-colonel of artillery, vice Lieutenant-Colonel Pegram, promoted, to rank from February 18, 1865.

Maj. R. M. Stribling, of Virginia, to be lieutenant-colonel of artillery (an original vacancy), to rank from February 18, 1865.

Maj. M. Johnson, of Virginia, to be lieutenant-colonel of artillery (an original vacancy), to rank from February 18, 1865.

Maj. R. P. Chew, of Virginia, to be lieutenant-colonel of artillery (an original vacancy), to rank from February 18, 1865.

Majors.

Capt. H. M. Ross, of Georgia, to be major of artillery, vice Major Lane, promoted, to rank from February 18, 1865.

Capt. T. J. Kirkpatrick, of Virginia, to be major of artillery, vice Major Haskell, promoted, to rank from February 18, 1865.

Capt. W. J. Dance, of Virginia, to be major of artillery, vice Major Owen, promoted, to rank from February 18, 1865.

Capt. W. W. Parker, of Virginia, to be major of artillery, vice Major Cutshaw, promoted, to rank from February 18, 1865.

Capt. B. C. Manly, of North Carolina, to be major of artillery, vice Major Stribling, promoted, to rank from February 18, 1865.

Capt. T. A. Brander, of Virginia, to be major of artillery, vice Major Johnson, promoted, to rank from February 18, 1865.

Capt. S. T. Wright, of Virginia, to be major of artillery, vice Major Chew, promoted, to rank from February 18, 1865.

Capt. N. A. Sturdivant, of Virginia, to be major of artillery (an original vacancy), to rank from February 18, 1865.

Capt. J. E. Hart, of South Carolina, to be major of artillery (an original vacancy), to rank from February 18, 1865.

Capt. P. P. Johnston, of ———, to be major of artillery (an original vacancy), to rank from February 18, 1865.

Capt. James W. Thomson, of Virginia, to be major of artillery (an original vacancy), to rank from February 18, 1865.

Capt. M. F. McGregor, of Georgia, to be major of artillery (an original vacancy), to rank from February 18, 1865.

I am, sir, respectfully, your obedient servant,

JOHN C. BRECKINRIDGE,
Secretary of War.

To His Excellency JEFFERSON DAVIS,
President, etc.

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT, CONFEDERATE STATES OF AMERICA,
Richmond, February 24, 1865.

To the Senate of the Confederate States:

Agreeably to the recommendation of the Secretary of War, I nominate Asst. Surg. John R. Leigh, of Virginia, to be promoted to surgeon in the Provisional Army of the Confederate States of America.

JEFFERSON DAVIS.

No. 221.] WAR DEPARTMENT, CONFEDERATE STATES OF AMERICA,
Richmond, February 23, 1865.

SIR: I have the honor to recommend the nomination of Asst. Surg. John R. Leigh, of Virginia, to be promoted to surgeon in the Provisional Army of the Confederate States of America, to rank from June 1, 1862.

I am, sir, respectfully, your obedient servant,

JOHN C. BRECKINRIDGE,
Secretary of War.

To His Excellency JEFFERSON DAVIS,
President, etc.

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT, CONFEDERATE STATES OF AMERICA,
Richmond, February 24, 1865.

To the Senate of the Confederate States:

Agreeably to the recommendation of the Secretary of War, I nominate the officers on the accompanying list to the grades affixed to their names, respectively.

JEFFERSON DAVIS.

No. 216.] WAR DEPARTMENT, CONFEDERATE STATES OF AMERICA,
Richmond, February 22, 1865.

SIR: I have the honor to recommend the following nominations for appointment in the Provisional Army of the Confederate States of America:

Captains.

Lieut. William E. Faison, of North Carolina, to be captain Company D, Thirty-eighth North Carolina Regiment, vice Captain Darden, deceased (the officers entitled to promotion waiving claims), to rank from February 15, 1865.

Lieut. B. E. Coltrane, of Virginia, to be captain Company C, Twenty-fourth Virginia Regiment, vice Captain Sutherland, resigned (the officers entitled to promotion waiving claims), to rank from February 15, 1865.

Lieut. James J. Hatcher, of Alabama, to be captain Company L, Fifteenth Alabama Regiment, vice Captain Bryan, resigned (the officers entitled to promotion waiving claims), to rank from February 15, 1865.

I am, sir, respectfully, your obedient servant,

JOHN C. BRECKINRIDGE,
Secretary of War.

To His Excellency JEFFERSON DAVIS,
President, etc.

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT, CONFEDERATE STATES OF AMERICA,
Richmond, February 24, 1865.

To the Senate of the Confederate States:

Agreeably to the recommendation of the Secretary of War, I nominate the officers on the accompanying list to the grades affixed to their names, respectively.

JEFFERSON DAVIS.

No. 212.] WAR DEPARTMENT, CONFEDERATE STATES OF AMERICA,
Richmond, February 22, 1865.

SIR: I have the honor to recommend the following nominations for promotion in the Provisional Army of the Confederate States of America:

ARTILLERY OFFICERS, FOR ORDNANCE DUTY.

Major.

Capt. Ed. N. Thurston, of Georgia, to be major of artillery (an original vacancy), to rank from January 17, 1865.

Captains.

First Lieut. W. M. Fontaine, of Virginia, to be captain of artillery (an original vacancy), to rank from January 7, 1865.

First Lieut. J. L. Scales, of Louisiana, to be captain of artillery (an original vacancy), to rank from January 7, 1865.

First Lieut. A. Edwards, of Kentucky, to be captain of artillery (an original vacancy), to rank from January 7, 1865.

First Lieut. W. L. Randolph, of Virginia, to be captain of artillery (an original vacancy), to rank from January 7, 1865.

First Lieut. W. M. Archer, of Virginia, to be captain of artillery (an original vacancy), to rank from January 7, 1865.

First Lieut. S. H. Starr, of Georgia, to be captain of artillery (an original vacancy), to rank from January 7, 1865.

First Lieut. James E. Webb, of Alabama, to be captain of artillery (an original vacancy), to rank from January 7, 1865.

First Lieut. Louis Zimmer, of Virginia, to be captain of artillery (an original vacancy), to rank from January 7, 1865.

First Lieutenants.

Second Lieut. N. M. Osborne, of Virginia, to be first lieutenant of artillery, vice Lieutenant Edwards, promoted, to rank from January 7, 1865.

Second Lieut. J. T. Allyn, of Virginia, to be first lieutenant of artillery, vice Lieutenant Scales, promoted, to rank from January 7, 1865.

Second Lieut. J. Howard Smith, of Virginia, to be first lieutenant of artillery, vice Lieutenant Randolph, promoted, to rank from January 7, 1865.

Second Lieut. A. M. Aiken, of South Carolina, to be first lieutenant of artillery, vice Lieutenant Archer, promoted, to rank from January 7, 1865.

Second Lieut. William Glenn, of Kentucky, to be first lieutenant of artillery, vice Lieutenant Starr, promoted, to rank from January 7, 1865.

I am, sir, respectfully, your obedient servant,

JOHN C. BRECKINRIDGE,
Secretary of War.

To His Excellency JEFFERSON DAVIS,
President, &c.

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT, CONFEDERATE STATES OF AMERICA,
Richmond, February 24, 1865.

To the Senate of the Confederate States:

Agreeably to the recommendation of the Secretary of War, I nominate the officers on the accompanying list to the grades affixed to their names, respectively.

JEFFERSON DAVIS.

No. 215.] WAR DEPARTMENT, CONFEDERATE STATES OF AMERICA,
Richmond, February 22, 1865.

SIR: I have the honor to recommend the following nominations for promotion in the Provisional Army of the Confederate States of America:

Commissaries—majors.

Capt. Frank T. Forbes, of Virginia, to be major, for duty in Department of Richmond, to rank from February 15, 1865.

Capt. R. Burns, of Texas, to be major, for duty with the late General Gregg's brigade, vice Major Hamilton, killed, to rank from February 15, 1865.

Capt. Thomas H. McKoy, of North Carolina, for duty with Lane's brigade, vice Major Carraway, transferred, to rank from February 15, 1865.

I am, sir, respectfully, your obedient servant,

JOHN C. BRECKINRIDGE,
Secretary of War.

To His Excellency JEFFERSON DAVIS,
President, &c.

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT, CONFEDERATE STATES OF AMERICA,

*Richmond, February 24, 1865.**To the Senate of the Confederate States:*

Agreeably to the recommendation of the Secretary of War, I nominate Capt. T. F. Henry, of Tennessee, to be promoted to major in the Adjutant-General's Department, Provisional Army of the Confederate States of America.

JEFFERSON DAVIS.

No. 218.]

WAR DEPARTMENT, CONFEDERATE STATES OF AMERICA,

Richmond, February 22, 1865.

SIR: I have the honor to recommend the nomination of Capt. T. F. Henry, of Tennessee, to be promoted to major in the Adjutant-General's Department, for duty with Brown's division, Army of Tennessee (an original vacancy), to rank from February 16, 1865.

I am, sir, respectfully, your obedient servant,

JOHN C. BRECKINRIDGE,

Secretary of War.

To His Excellency JEFFERSON DAVIS,

President, etc.

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT, CONFEDERATE STATES OF AMERICA,

*Richmond, February 24, 1865.**To the Senate of the Confederate States:*

Agreeably to the recommendation of the Secretary of War, I nominate the officers on the accompanying list to the grades affixed to their names, respectively.

JEFFERSON DAVIS.

No. 214.]

WAR DEPARTMENT, CONFEDERATE STATES OF AMERICA,

Richmond, February 22, 1865.

SIR: I have the honor to recommend the following nominations for appointment in the Provisional Army of the Confederate States of America:

Commissary—major.

F. L. Smith, of South Carolina, to rank from January 6, 1865.

Assistant commissaries—captains.

John Denham, of Florida, to rank from February 17, 1865.

G. S. Barthelness, of Georgia, to rank from February 17, 1865.

B. W. Cooke, of Virginia, to rank from February 15, 1865.

J. W. Primrose, of North Carolina, to rank from February 15, 1865.

E. W. Mikell, of South Carolina, to rank from February 15, 1865.

I am, sir, respectfully, your obedient servant,

JOHN C. BRECKINRIDGE,

Secretary of War.

To His Excellency JEFFERSON DAVIS,

President, etc.

The messages were respectively read.

Ordered, That they be referred to the Committee on Military Affairs.

The following messages were received from the President of the Confederate States, by Mr. B. N. Harrison, his Secretary:

*RICHMOND, VA., February 25, 1865.**To the Senate of the Confederate States:*

I herewith transmit for your information a communication from the Postmaster-General relative to the removal of a postmaster from office.

JEFFERSON DAVIS.

*RICHMOND, VA., February 25, 1865.**To the Senate of the Confederate States:*

Agreeably to the recommendation of the Postmaster-General, I hereby nominate Isaac Estell, to be postmaster at Talladega, Ala.

JEFFERSON DAVIS.

POST-OFFICE DEPARTMENT, *Richmond, February 24, 1865.*

To the PRESIDENT.

SIR: I have the honor to recommend, for confirmation by the Senate, the following appointment of postmaster, made since the opening of the present adjourned session of Congress February 22, 1865, Isaac Estell, Talladega, Talladega County, Ala.

Very respectfully, your obedient servant,

JOHN H. REAGAN,
Postmaster-General.

The messages were read.

Ordered. That they be referred to the Committee on Military Affairs.

The Senate resumed the consideration of the nominations of C. W. Digges, P. G. Johnson, D. H. Reid, and J. E. Porter, to be aids-de-camp, with the rank of first lieutenants; which were reported from the Committee on Military Affairs (on the 25th instant) and laid on the table by order of the Senate; and it was

Resolved, That the Senate do advise and consent to their appointment, agreeably to the nomination of the President.

The Senate resumed the consideration of the resolution submitted by Mr. Wigfall, from the Committee on Military Affairs (on the 25th instant), declaring that Maj. Gen. Stephen D. Lee, having been appointed lieutenant-general under the act of February 17, 1864, and having been relieved from the discharge of the duties in the command to which he was appointed, can not be confirmed by the Senate to the said command, but must now resume his former rank in the service; and

After debate,

On motion by Mr. Caperton,

Ordered, That the further consideration thereof be postponed until to-morrow.

On motion by Mr. Caperton,

The Senate resolved into open legislative session.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 1, 1865.

OPEN SESSION.

A message from the House of Representatives, by Mr. Dalton:

Mr. President: The House of Representatives have passed bills and a joint resolution of the Senate of the following titles:

S. 137. An act to establish the flag of the Confederate States;

S. 194. An act to provide for promotion of officers in certain cases;

S. 197. An act declaring certain persons liable to duty in the reserve forces of the respective States;

S. 32. Joint resolution construing the act of May 31, 1864, to provide for the appointment of a disbursing clerk in the War Department;

S. 106. An act to modify and amend an act to regulate the destruction of property, under military necessity, and to provide for the indemnity thereof, approved March 17, 1862;

S. 160. An act to allow missionaries in the Army rations, and, in certain cases, forage for one horse to post chaplains;

S. 191. An act to abolish the office of all officers engaged in discharging the duties of provost-marshal, except within the lines of an army in the field; and

S. 195. An act to authorize the Secretary of War to negotiate with the governors of the several States for slave labor.

The four bills last named with amendments; in which they request the concurrence of the Senate.

The House of Representatives insist upon their amendment, disagreed to by the Senate, to the bill (S. 166) to amend an act entitled "An act to provide and organize a general staff for armies in the field, to serve during the war," approved June 14,

1864, agree to the conference asked by the Senate on the disagreeing votes of the two Houses thereon, and have appointed Messrs. Clark, Cluskey, and Bridgers managers at said conference on their part.

The Speaker of the House of Representatives having signed sundry enrolled bills, I am directed to bring them to the Senate for the signature of their President.

On motion by Mr. Burnett, the vote on agreeing to the amendment of the House of Representatives to the bill (S. 208) to provide for returned prisoners of war was reconsidered.

The Senate resumed the consideration of the said amendment; and

On motion by Mr. Burnett,

Ordered, That the further consideration thereof be postponed until to-morrow.

Mr. Simms submitted the following resolution; which was considered and agreed to:

Resolved, That the select committee on exchange of prisoners be instructed to inquire into the treatment of returned prisoners, and that they also be instructed to inquire and report all neglect in transporting them to Richmond from the place of exchange, and who is responsible for such neglect, if there be any.

Mr. Caperton (by leave) introduced

A bill (S. 212) to regulate the compensation of the State collector of Virginia;

which was read the first and second times and referred to the Committee on Finance.

Mr. Semmes, from the Committee on Finance, to whom was referred the bill (S. 204) to authorize the Secretary of the Treasury to receive specie from the several States of the Confederacy and use the same for the benefit of said States, reported it with amendments.

The Senate proceeded, as in Committee of the Whole, to the consideration of the said bill; and the reported amendments having been agreed to, the bill was reported to the Senate and the amendments were concurred in.

Ordered, That the bill be engrossed and read a third time.

The said bill was read the third time.

Resolved, That it pass, and that the title thereof be as aforesaid.

Ordered, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the House of Representatives therein.

Mr. Wigfall (by leave) introduced

A bill (S. 213) to provide for the organization of the Bureau of Inspection;

which was read the first and second times and referred to the Committee on Military Affairs.

Mr. Burnett, from the Committee on Claims, to whom was referred the memorial of Peter James, jr., submitted a report (No. 9) accompanied by a bill (S. 214) for the relief of Peter James, jr.; which was read the first and second times and considered as in Committee of the Whole; and no amendment being proposed, it was reported to the Senate.

Ordered, That it be engrossed and read a third time.

The said bill was read the third time.

On the question,

Shall the bill now pass?

It was determined in the affirmative,	{ Yeas-----	14
	{ Nays-----	5

The vote having been taken by yeas and nays, conformably to the Constitution,

Those who voted in the affirmative are,

Messrs. Baker, Brown, Burnett, Caperton, Graham, Hunter, Johnson of Georgia, Johnson of Missouri, Maxwell, Oldham, Semmes, Simms, Vest, and Wigfall.

Those who voted in the negative are,

Messrs. Barnwell, Henry, Orr, Walker, and Watson.

So it was

Resolved, That this bill pass, two-thirds of the Senators present voting therefor.

Ordered, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the House of Representatives therein.

On motion by Mr. Graham, to reconsider the vote on passing the bill (S. 214) last mentioned.

It was determined in the negative.

Mr. Maxwell submitted the following resolution for consideration:

Resolved (the House of Representatives concurring), That the President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of Representatives adjourn their respective Houses, sine die, on Tuesday, the seventh day of March, instant, at twelve o'clock meridian.

The Senate proceeded to consider the said resolution; and

On motion by Mr. Johnson of Missouri,

Ordered, That it lie upon the table.

Mr. Caperton, from the committee, reported that they had examined and found truly enrolled bills of the following titles:

H. R. 325. An act to make appropriations for the support of the Government of the Confederate States of America from the 1st day of January to the 30th day of June, 1865;

H. R. 377. An act to establish an arsenal and foundry in the valley of Deep River, in the State of North Carolina; and

H. R. 382. An act to amend the fourteenth section of an act entitled "An act to reduce the currency and to authorize a new issue of notes and bonds."

The President pro tempore having signed the enrolled bills last reported to have been examined, they were delivered to the Secretary of the Senate and by him forthwith presented to the President of the Confederate States for his approval.

The Senate resumed, as in Committee of the Whole, the consideration of the bill (S. 199) to change the time for the assembling of Congress for its next regular session.

On motion by Mr. Johnson of Missouri, to amend the bill by striking out "October," line 6, and inserting "July,"

It was determined in the negative.

On motion by Mr. Wigfall,

Ordered, That the bill lie upon the table.

Mr. Semmes, from the committee of conference on the part of the Senate on the disagreeing votes of the two Houses on the bill (H. R. 229) to provide more effectually for the reduction and redemption of the currency, reported

That they are unable to agree upon the subject-matter of disagreement referred to, and they therefore ask to be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

The Senate proceeded to consider the said report; and

The report was concurred in.

The Senate proceeded to consider the amendments of the House of Representatives to the bill (S. 106) to modify and amend an act to

regulate the destruction of property, under military necessity, and to provide for the indemnity thereof, approved March 17, 1862; and

Resolved, That they concur therein.

Ordered, That the Secretary inform the House of Representatives thereof.

The Senate proceeded to consider the amendments of the House of Representatives to the bill (S. 160) to allow missionaries in the Army rations, and, in certain cases, forage for one horse to post chaplains; and

Resolved, That they concur therein.

Ordered, That the Secretary inform the House of Representatives thereof.

The Senate proceeded to consider the amendment of the House of Representatives to the bill (S. 195) to authorize the Secretary of War to negotiate with the governors of the several States for slave labor; and

Resolved, That they concur therein.

Ordered, That the Secretary inform the House of Representatives thereof.

The Senate proceeded to consider the amendment of the House of Representatives to the bill (S. 191) to abolish the office of all officers engaged in discharging the duties of provost-marshal, except within the lines of an army in the field; and

Ordered, That it be referred to the Committee on Military Affairs.

A message from the House of Representatives, by Mr. Dalton:

Mr. President: The House of Representatives have passed bills of the following titles; in which they request the concurrence of the Senate:

H. R. 394. An act to authorize the President to appoint a commissioner to take proof as to expenditures made by the State of Tennessee for the benefit of the Confederacy previous to the transfer of her troops to the Confederate Government; and

H. R. 397. An act to provide for the payment of the amounts due certain officers and privates who are prisoners of war.

The Speaker of the House of Representatives having signed sundry enrolled bills, I am directed to bring them to the Senate for the signature of their President.

The bills received this day from the House of Representatives for concurrence were severally read the first and second times; and

Ordered, That the bill numbered 394 be referred to the Committee on Finance and the bill numbered 397 to the Committee on the Judiciary.

The following messages were received from the President of the Confederate States, by Mr. B. N. Harrison, his Secretary:

RICHMOND, VA., February 28, 1865.

To the Senate and House of Representatives:

I herewith transmit for your information a communication from the Secretary of War, covering copies of several additional reports of military operations.

JEFFERSON DAVIS.

RICHMOND, VA., February 28, 1865.

To the Senate and House of Representatives:

I herewith transmit for your consideration a communication from the Secretary of War relative to the construction and repair of railroads necessary for military purposes, and submitting an estimate of the amount required to be appropriated for these objects during the year 1865.

I invite your special attention to the subject.

JEFFERSON DAVIS.

The messages were severally read.

Ordered, That they be referred to the Committee on Military Affairs.

The Senate proceeded, as in Committee of the Whole, to the consideration of the bill (H. R. 379) to levy additional taxes for the year 1865, for the support of the Government; and

After debate,

On motion by Mr. Oldham,

The Senate resolved into executive session.

The doors having been opened,

On motion by Mr. Orr,

The Senate adjourned.

SECRET SESSION.

A message from the House of Representatives, by Mr. Dalton:

Mr. President: The Speaker of the House of Representatives having signed an enrolled bill, I am directed to bring it to the Senate for the signature of their President.

The following message was received from the President of the Confederate States, by Mr. B. N. Harrison, his Secretary:

RICHMOND, VA., March 1, 1865.

To the Senate of the Confederate States:

I have received the following resolution, adopted by you in secret session on the 12th January last:

"Resolved, That the President of the Confederate States be requested to communicate to the Senate, if in his opinion it be not incompatible with the public interests, the contemporaneous correspondence and documents mentioned in the letter of the Secretary of War of the third instant, communicating a copy of the report of General Joseph E. Johnston, called for by a resolution of the Senate."

In response, I herewith transmit for your information copies of my own correspondence with Gen. J. E. Johnston during the time he commanded the Army of Tennessee in the field, as well as of the correspondence had with him by the Department.

The letter of the Secretary of War, of this date, covering the papers forwarded by him, explains the delay in responding to your resolution.

JEFFERSON DAVIS.

The message was read.

Ordered, That it be referred to the Committee on Military Affairs.

On motion by Mr. Graham,

The Senate resolved into open legislative session.

EXECUTIVE SESSION.

The following messages were received from the President of the Confederate States, by Mr. B. N. Harrison, his Secretary:

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT, *Richmond, February 28, 1865.*

To the Senate of the Confederate States:

Agreeably to the recommendation of the Secretary of War, I nominate the officers on the accompanying list to the grades affixed to their names, respectively.

JEFFERSON DAVIS.

No. 204.]

WAR DEPARTMENT, *Richmond, February 17, 1865.*

SIR: I have the honor to recommend the following nominations for appointment in the Provisional Army of the Confederate States of America:

First lieutenants and aids-de-camp.

W. S. Barnes, of North Carolina, to be aid to Brigadier-General Grimes (an original vacancy), to rank from February 4, 1865.

J. E. Porter, of North Carolina, to be aid to Brig. Gen. W. MacRae (an original vacancy), to rank from November 4, 1864.

D. A. Hinton, of Virginia, to be aid to Brigadier-General Weisiger (an original vacancy), to rank from July 30, 1864.

I am, sir, respectfully, your obedient servant,

JOHN C. BRECKINRIDGE,
Secretary of War.

To His Excellency JEFFERSON DAVIS,
President, etc.

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT, *Richmond, February 28, 1865.*

To the Senate of the Confederate States:

Agreeably to the recommendation of the Secretary of War, I nominate the officers on the accompanying list to the grades affixed to their names, respectively.

JEFFERSON DAVIS.

No. 223.]

WAR DEPARTMENT, *Richmond, February 24, 1865.*

SIR: I have the honor to recommend the following nominations for appointment in the Provisional Army of the Confederate States of America (for distinguished valor and skill):

Lieutenant-colonel.

Capt. G. W. Dorsey, of Maryland, to be lieutenant-colonel First Maryland Battalion Cavalry, vice Lieutenant-Colonel Smith, retired, to rank from February 17, 1865.

Major.

Capt. F. M. Myers, of Virginia, to be major Thirty-fifth Virginia Battalion Cavalry, vice Major Ferneyhough, resigned, to rank from February 17, 1865.

Captains.

Lieut. J. C. B. Harkness, of Alabama, to be captain Company C, Eleventh Alabama Regiment, vice Captain Higginbotham, retired, to rank from February 9, 1865.

Lieut. James W. McCarty, of Virginia, to be captain Company B, Seventh Virginia Cavalry Regiment, vice Captain Humphreys, retired, to rank from February 15, 1865.

S. E. Morgan, of Virginia, to be captain Company K, Twentieth Virginia Regiment, vice Captain Alexander, resigned, to rank from February 18, 1865.

Second lieutenants.

A. W. Ballenger, of South Carolina, to be second lieutenant Company E, Thirteenth South Carolina Regiment, vice Lieutenant Willis, killed, to rank from February 15, 1865.

J. C. Raiford, of South Carolina, to be second lieutenant Company A, Thirteenth South Carolina Regiment, vice Lieutenant Wier, killed, to rank from February 15, 1865.

Henry Logue, of Georgia, to be second lieutenant Company B, Twenty-second Georgia Regiment, vice Lieutenant Kitchen, promoted, to rank from February 17, 1865.

B. M. Schipman, of South Carolina, to be second lieutenant Company D, Sixth South Carolina Cavalry Regiment, vice Lieutenant Lowry, dropped, to rank from February 17, 1865.

I am, sir, respectfully, your obedient servant,

JOHN C. BRECKINRIDGE,
Secretary of War.

To His Excellency JEFFERSON DAVIS,
President, etc.

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT, *Richmond, February 28, 1865.*

To the Senate of the Confederate States:

Agreeably to the recommendation of the Secretary of War, I nominate Capt. Powhatan Ellis, of Virginia, to be promoted to major in the Adjutant-General's Department, Provisional Army of the Confederate States of America.

JEFFERSON DAVIS.

No. 224.]

WAR DEPARTMENT, *Richmond, February 24, 1865.*

SIR: I have the honor to recommend the nomination of Capt. Powhatan Ellis, of Virginia, to be promoted to major in the Adjutant-General's Department, Provisional Army of the Confederate States of America, for duty in Department of Alabama, Mississippi, and Eastern Louisiana, to rank from February 18, 1865.

I am, sir, respectfully, your obedient servant,

JOHN C. BRECKINRIDGE,
Secretary of War.

To His Excellency JEFFERSON DAVIS,
President, etc.

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT, *Richmond, February 28, 1865.**To the Senate of the Confederate States:*

Agreeably to the recommendation of the Secretary of War, I nominate the officers on the accompanying list to the grades affixed to their names, respectively.

JEFFERSON DAVIS.

No. 234.]

WAR DEPARTMENT, *Richmond, February 27, 1865.*

SIR: I have the honor to recommend the following nominations for appointment in the Provisional Army of the Confederate States of America (for distinguished valor and skill):

Colonel.

Capt. A. J. McBride, of Georgia, to be colonel Tenth Georgia Regiment, vice Colonel Holt, deceased, to rank from February 20, 1865.

Lieutenant-colonel.

Capt. C. C. Kibbee, of Georgia, to be lieutenant-colonel Tenth Georgia Regiment, vice Lieutenant-Colonel Holt, promoted, to rank from February 20, 1865.

Captain.

Lieut. S. B. Clowney, of South Carolina, to be captain Company B, First South Carolina Regiment, vice Captain Inabnit, dropped, to rank from February 20, 1865.

I am, sir, respectfully, your obedient servant,

JOHN C. BRECKINRIDGE,
Secretary of War.

To His Excellency JEFFERSON DAVIS,
President, etc.

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT, *Richmond, February 28, 1865.**To the Senate of the Confederate States:*

Agreeably to the recommendation of the Secretary of War, I nominate the officers on the accompanying list to the grades affixed to their names, respectively.

JEFFERSON DAVIS.

No. 230.]

WAR DEPARTMENT, *Richmond, February 27, 1865.*

SIR: I have the honor to recommend the following nominations for appointment in the Provisional Army of the Confederate States of America:

Quartermasters—majors.

J. Horace Lacy, of Virginia, to be major (report to Quartermaster-General for assignment to duty), to rank from February 23, 1865.

L. T. Winnemore, of Georgia, to be major (report to Quartermaster-General for assignment to duty), to rank from February 21, 1865.

I am, sir, respectfully, your obedient servant,

JOHN C. BRECKINRIDGE,
Secretary of War

To His Excellency JEFFERSON DAVIS,
President, etc.

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT, *Richmond, February 28, 1865.**To the Senate of the Confederate States:*

Agreeably to the recommendation of the Secretary of War, I nominate Col. W. F. Perry, of Alabama, to be a brigadier-general in the Provisional Army of the Confederate States of America.

JEFFERSON DAVIS.

No. 229.]

WAR DEPARTMENT, *Richmond, February 27, 1865.*

SIR: I have the honor to recommend the nomination of Col. W. F. Perry, of Alabama, to be brigadier-general in the Provisional Army of the Confederate States of America, to command a brigade, Army of Northern Virginia, vice General Law, relieved, to rank from February 21, 1865.

I am, sir, respectfully, your obedient servant,

JOHN C. BRECKINRIDGE,
Secretary of War.

To His Excellency JEFFERSON DAVIS,
President, etc.

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT, *Richmond, February 28, 1865.**To the Senate of the Confederate States:*

Agreeably to the recommendation of the Secretary of War, I nominate Maj. A. H. Chalmers, of Mississippi, to be lieutenant-colonel of the Eighteenth Mississippi Battalion Cavalry, in the Provisional Army of the Confederate States of America.

JEFFERSON DAVIS.

No. 235.]

WAR DEPARTMENT, *Richmond, February 27, 1865.*

SIR: I have the honor to recommend the nomination of Maj. A. H. Chalmers, of Mississippi, to be lieutenant-colonel of the Eighteenth Mississippi Battalion Cavalry, in the Provisional Army of the Confederate States of America (battalion increased to eight companies), to rank from February 21, 1865.

I am, sir, respectfully, your obedient servant,

JOHN C. BRECKINRIDGE,
Secretary of War.

To His Excellency JEFFERSON DAVIS,
President, etc.

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT, *Richmond, February 28, 1865.**To the Senate of the Confederate States:*

Agreeably to the recommendation of the Secretary of War, I nominate Capt. R. M. Grinnell, of Louisiana, to be promoted to major in the Adjutant-General's Department, Provisional Army of the Confederate States of America.

JEFFERSON DAVIS.

No. 231.]

WAR DEPARTMENT, *Richmond, February 27, 1865.*

SIR: I have the honor to recommend the nomination of Capt. R. M. Grinnell, of Louisiana, to be promoted to major in the Adjutant-General's Department, Provisional Army of the Confederate States of America, for duty with Heth's division, Army of Northern Virginia, vice Major Harrison, retired, to rank from February 2, 1865.

I am, sir, respectfully, your obedient servant,

JOHN C. BRECKINRIDGE,
Secretary of War.

To His Excellency JEFFERSON DAVIS,
President, etc.

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT, *Richmond, February 28, 1865.**To the Senate of the Confederate States:*

Agreeably to the recommendation of the Secretary of War, I nominate R. F. Notrebe, of Arkansas, to be adjutant of Shaver's Arkansas infantry regiment, in the Provisional Army of the Confederate States of America.

JEFFERSON DAVIS.

No. 236.]

WAR DEPARTMENT, *Richmond, February 28, 1865.*

SIR: I have the honor to recommend the nomination of R. F. Notrebe, of Arkansas, to be adjutant of Shaver's Arkansas infantry regiment, in the Provisional Army of the Confederate States of America (an original vacancy), to rank from June 15, 1864.

I am, sir, respectfully, your obedient servant,

JOHN C. BRECKINRIDGE,
Secretary of War.

To His Excellency JEFFERSON DAVIS,
President, etc.

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT, *Richmond, February 28, 1865.*

To the Senate of the Confederate States:

Agreeably to the recommendation of the Secretary of War, I nominate Thomas W. Cowles, of Alabama, to be an assistant quartermaster, with the rank of captain in the Provisional Army of the Confederate States of America.

JEFFERSON DAVIS.

No. 237.]

WAR DEPARTMENT, *Richmond, February 28, 1865.*

SIR: I have the honor to recommend the nomination of Thomas W. Cowles, of Alabama, to be an assistant quartermaster, with the rank of captain in the Provisional Army of the Confederate States of America (report to Quartermaster-General for duty at Union Springs, Ala.), to rank from February 20, 1865.

I am, sir, respectfully, your obedient servant,

JOHN C. BRECKINRIDGE,
Secretary of War.

To His Excellency JEFFERSON DAVIS,
President, &c.

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT, *Richmond, February 28, 1865.*

To the Senate of the Confederate States:

Agreeably to the recommendation of the Secretary of War, I nominate the officers on the accompanying list to the grades affixed to their names, respectively.

JEFFERSON DAVIS.

No. 220.]

WAR DEPARTMENT, *Richmond, February 22, 1865.*

SIR: I have the honor to recommend the following nominations for appointment in the Provisional Army of the Confederate States of America:

First lieutenants and aids-de-camp.

Thomas M. Hanckel, of South Carolina, to be aid to Lieutenant-General Hardee, vice Lieutenant Wilkins, resigned, to rank from January 14, 1865.

Richard Beale, of Virginia, to be aid to Brigadier-General Beale (an original vacancy), to rank from February 1, 1865.

E. S. Bryan, of North Carolina, to be aid to Brigadier-General Leventhorpe (an original vacancy), to rank from February 3, 1865.

Henry C. Creel, of Virginia, to be aid to Brig. Gen. W. L. Jackson (an original vacancy), to rank from February 3, 1865.

I am, sir, respectfully, your obedient servant,

JOHN C. BRECKINRIDGE,
Secretary of War.

To His Excellency JEFFERSON DAVIS,
President, &c.

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT, *Richmond, February 28, 1865.*

To the Senate of the Confederate States:

Agreeably to the recommendation of the Secretary of War, I nominate Capt. R. C. Gilchrist, of South Carolina, to be major of artillery in the Provisional Army of the Confederate States of America, under act approved January 22, 1862.

JEFFERSON DAVIS.

No. 227.]

WAR DEPARTMENT, *Richmond, February 25, 1865.*

SIR: I have the honor to recommend the nomination of Capt. R. C. Gilchrist, of South Carolina, to be major of artillery (under act approved January 22, 1862) in the Provisional Army of the Confederate States of America, for duty in Department of South Carolina, Georgia, and Florida, to rank from February 18, 1865.

I am, sir, respectfully, your obedient servant,

JOHN C. BRECKINRIDGE,
Secretary of War.

To His Excellency JEFFERSON DAVIS,
President, &c.

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT, *Richmond, February 28, 1865.*

To the Senate of the Confederate States:

Agreeably to the recommendation of the Secretary of War, I nominate Lieut. M. P. Taylor, of North Carolina, to be promoted to captain of artillery, for ordnance duty, in the Provisional Army of the Confederate States of America.

JEFFERSON DAVIS.

No. 232.]

WAR DEPARTMENT, *Richmond, February 27, 1865.*

SIR: I have the honor to recommend the nomination of Lieut. M. P. Taylor, of North Carolina, to be promoted to captain of artillery, for ordnance duty, in the Provisional Army of the Confederate States of America (an original vacancy), report for duty to Chief of Ordnance, to rank from February 21, 1865.

I am, sir, respectfully, your obedient servant,

JOHN C. BRECKINRIDGE,
Secretary of War.

To His Excellency JEFFERSON DAVIS,
President, etc.

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT, *Richmond, February 28, 1865.**To the Senate of the Confederate States:*

Agreeably to the recommendation of the Secretary of War, I nominate Lieut. Col. Richard Morton, of Virginia, to be colonel Niter and Mining Corps, Provisional Army of the Confederate States of America.

JEFFERSON DAVIS.

No. 228.]

WAR DEPARTMENT, *Richmond, February 25, 1865.*

SIR: I have the honor to recommend the nomination of Lieut. Col. Richard Morton, of Virginia, to be promoted to colonel Niter and Mining Corps, Provisional Army of the Confederate States of America, vice Colonel St. John, appointed Commissary-General, to rank from February 17, 1865.

I am, sir, respectfully, your obedient servant,

JOHN C. BRECKINRIDGE,
Secretary of War.

To His Excellency JEFFERSON DAVIS,
President, etc.

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT, *Richmond, February 28, 1865.**To the Senate of the Confederate States:*

Agreeably to the recommendation of the Secretary of War, I nominate the officers on the accompanying list to the grades affixed to their names, respectively.

JEFFERSON DAVIS.

No. 225.]

WAR DEPARTMENT, *Richmond, February 25, 1865.*

SIR: I have the honor to recommend the following nominations for promotion in the Provisional Army of the Confederate States of America:

Quartermasters—majors.

Capt. Charles Morris, of Virginia, to be major (report for duty to the Quartermaster-General), to rank from February 15, 1865.

Capt. J. M. Hanger, of Virginia, to be major, for duty with Cavalry Corps, Army of Northern Virginia (an original vacancy), to rank from February 15, 1865.

I am, sir, respectfully, your obedient servant,

JOHN C. BRECKINRIDGE,
Secretary of War.

To His Excellency JEFFERSON DAVIS,
President, etc.

The messages were severally read.

Ordered, That they be referred to the Committee on Military Affairs.

The Senate resumed the consideration of the nominations of Charles J. Munnerlyn, to be lieutenant-colonel, and William Footman, to be major of Munnerlyn's (commissary) battalion; and

Resolved, That the Senate do advise and consent to their appointment, agreeably to the nomination of the President.

Mr. Baker, from the Committee on Post-Offices and Post-Roads, to whom was referred (on the 28th ultimo) the nomination of Isaac Estell, to be postmaster at Talladega, Ala., reported, with the recommendation that said nomination be confirmed.

The Senate proceeded to consider said report; and in concurrence therewith, it was

Resolved, That the Senate do advise and consent to the appointment, agreeably to the nomination of the President.

The Senate resumed the consideration of the nominations of William H. Capers and C. C. Morgan, to be aids-de-camp, with the rank of first lieutenants; and it was

Resolved, That the Senate do advise and consent to their appointment, agreeably to the nomination of the President.

Mr. Wigfall, from the Committee on Military Affairs, to whom were referred (on the 28th ultimo) the nominations of R. L. Walker, to be brigadier-general; W. Nelson, D. G. McIntosh, F. Huger, and W. J. Pegram, to be colonels; John Lane, John C. Haskell, W. M. Owen, W. E. Cutshaw, R. M. Stribling, M. Johnson, and R. P. Chew, to be lieutenant-colonels, and H. M. Ross, T. J. Kirkpatrick, W. J. Dance, W. W. Parker, B. C. Manly, T. A. Brander, S. T. Wright, N. A. Sturdivant, J. F. Hart, P. P. Johnston, James W. Thomson, and M. F. McGregor, to be majors of artillery (under act approved January 22, 1862); Ed. N. Thurston, to be major; W. M. Fontaine, J. L. Scales, A. Edwards, W. L. Randolph, W. M. Archer, S. H. Starr, James E. Webb, and Louis Zimmer, to be captains; N. M. Osborne, J. T. Allyn, J. Howard Smith, A. M. Aiken, and William Glenn, to be first lieutenants of artillery, for ordnance duty; T. H. Herndon, to be colonel; J. C. Timberlake and G. M. Norment, to be lieutenant-colonels; and D. C. Hatcher, to be major; William E. Faison, B. E. Coltrane, and James J. Hatcher, to be captains; T. F. Henry, to be major in the Adjutant-General's Department; Frank T. Forbes, R. Burns, Thomas H. McKoy, F. L. Smith, to be commissaries, with the rank of major; John Denham, G. S. Barthelmess, B. W. Cooke, J. W. Primrose, and E. W. Mikell, to be assistant commissaries, with the rank of captain; and John R. Leigh, to be surgeon, reported, with the recommendation that all of said nominations be confirmed.

The Senate proceeded to consider said report; and in concurrence therewith, it was

Resolved, That the Senate do advise and consent to their appointment, agreeably to the nomination of the President.

The Senate resumed the consideration of the resolution submitted (on the 25th ultimo) by Mr. Wigfall, from the Committee on Military Affairs, declaring that Maj. Gen. Stephen D. Lee, having been appointed lieutenant-general under the act of February 17, 1864, and having been relieved from the discharge of the duties in the command to which he was appointed, can not be confirmed by the Senate to the said command, but must now resume his former rank in the service; and

The resolution was agreed to.

On motion by Mr. Burnett,

Ordered, That the Secretary of the Senate furnish the President of the Confederate States with a copy of said resolution.

On motion by Mr. Baker.

The Senate resolved into secret legislative session.

THURSDAY, MARCH 2, 1865.

OPEN SESSION.

A message from the House of Representatives, by Mr. Dalton:

Mr. President: The House of Representatives have passed bills of the following titles; in which they request the concurrence of the Senate:

H. R. 230. An act to amend an act to provide revenue from commodities imported from foreign countries, approved May 21, 1861;

H. R. 288. An act authorizing the promotion of officers, noncommissioned officers, and privates for distinguished valor and skill, or for peculiar competency and general merit; and

H. R. 395. An act to regulate the compensation of the State collector of Virginia.

The House of Representatives disagree to the amendments of the Senate to the bill (H. R. 350) to diminish the number of exemptions and details, ask a conference on the disagreeing votes of the two Houses thereon, and have appointed Mr. Miles, Mr. Pugh, and Mr. Sexton managers at said conference on their part.

The Speaker of the House of Representatives having signed an enrolled bill, I am directed to bring it to the Senate for the signature of their President.

Mr. Watson (by leave) introduced

A bill (S. 215) to appropriate money to pay the expenses of the Joint Select Committee on the Subject of the Treatment and Exchange of Prisoners:

which was read the first and second times and considered as in Committee of the Whole; and no amendment being proposed, it was reported to the Senate.

Ordered, That it be engrossed and read a third time.

The said bill was read the third time.

Resolved, That it pass, and that the title thereof be as aforesaid.

Ordered, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the House of Representatives therein.

Mr. Wigfall, from the Committee on Military Affairs, to whom was referred the amendment of the House of Representatives to the bill (S. 191) to abolish the office of all officers engaged in discharging the duties of provost-marshals, except within the lines of an army in the field, reported it with an amendment.

The Senate proceeded to consider the amendment of the House of Representatives to the said bill; and the reported amendment having been agreed to.

Resolved, That the Senate concur in the amendment of the House of Representatives to the bill (S. 191) last mentioned, with an amendment.

Ordered, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the House of Representatives in the amendment.

Mr. Wigfall, from the Committee on Military Affairs, to whom was referred the bill (S. 213) to provide for the organization of the Bureau of Inspection, reported it without amendment.

The Senate proceeded, as in Committee of the Whole, to the consideration of the said bill.

On motion by Mr. Wigfall, to amend the bill by inserting after "of," section 2, line 3, the words "major-general,"

It was determined in the affirmative.

No further amendment being proposed, the bill was reported to the Senate and the amendment was concurred in.

Ordered, That the bill be engrossed and read a third time.

The said bill was read the third time.

Resolved, That it pass, and that the title thereof be as aforesaid.

Ordered, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the House of Representatives therein.

On motion by Mr. Wigfall,

Ordered, That the Committee on Military Affairs be discharged from the further consideration of the message of the President of the Confederate States of yesterday, communicating reports of various military operations, and that it lie upon the table.

Mr. Orr submitted the following resolution; which was considered and agreed to:

Resolved, That the Committee on Military Affairs be instructed to inquire into the expediency of providing by law for vacating the commissions of such general officers as have no commands or who may be regarded unfit for command on account of inefficiency or incompetency.

Mr. Johnson of Missouri, from the Committee on Indian Affairs, to whom was referred the bill (H. R. 393) to provide for paying, in cotton, the annuities due the Seminole, Creek, Choctaw, and Chickasaw nations of Indians, reported it without amendment.

The bills received this day from the House of Representatives for concurrence were severally read the first and second times; and

Ordered, That the bills numbered 230 and 395 be referred to the Committee on Finance and the bill numbered 288 to the Committee on Military Affairs.

The Senate proceeded to consider their amendments, disagreed to by the House of Representatives, to the bill (H. R. 350) to diminish the number of exemptions and details; and

On motion by Mr. Orr,

Resolved, That the Senate insist on their amendments to the said bill, and agree to the conference asked by the House of Representatives on the disagreeing votes of the two Houses thereon.

On motion of Mr. Orr,

Ordered, That the committee of conference on the part of the Senate be appointed by the President pro tempore; and

Mr. Orr, Mr. Caperton, and Mr. Burnett were appointed.

Ordered, That the Secretary inform the House of Representatives thereof.

Mr. Caperton, from the committee, reported that they had examined and found truly enrolled bills of the following titles:

S. 117. An act to authorize the commanders of the reserves in each State to order general courts-martial and to revise the proceedings of courts-martial and military courts;

S. 169. An act to abolish the office of certain quartermasters and assistant quartermasters, commissaries and assistant commissaries, and to provide for the appointment of bonded agents in said departments;

H. R. 348. An act to increase the compensation of marshals, criers, jurors, and witnesses;

H. R. 371. An act to relieve agriculturists exempted and detailed under the act of February 17, 1864, in certain cases;

H. R. 381. An act to provide for the redemption of the old issue of Treasury notes held by certain Indian tribes; and

H. R. 383. An act to require noncommissioned officers and privates, held as prisoners of war, to be paid upon their individual certificates, supported by oath.

The President pro tempore having signed the enrolled bills last reported to have been examined, they were delivered to the Secretary

of the Senate and by him forthwith presented to the President of the Confederate States for his approval.

A message from the President of the Confederate States, by Mr. B. N. Harrison, his Secretary:

Mr. President: The President of the Confederate States, on the 28th ultimo, approved and signed the following acts:

S. 129. An act to provide for the employment of free negroes and slaves to work upon fortifications and perform other labor connected with the defenses of the country; and

S. 170. An act to increase the number of acting midshipmen in the Navy, and to prescribe the mode of appointment.

Ordered, That the Secretary inform the House of Representatives thereof.

A message from the House of Representatives, by Mr. Dalton:

Mr. President: The House of Representatives have passed bills of the following titles; in which they request the concurrence of the Senate:

H. R. 320. An act to change the mode of filling vacancies among commissioned officers of companies, battalions, and regiments;

H. R. 323. An act to provide payment for horses killed or lost in the service of the Confederate States;

H. R. 396. An act to organize a military court for western North Carolina;

H. R. 398. An act making an appropriation for the purchase of a percussion-cap pressing machine; and

H. R. 399. An act to authorize the Secretary of War to purchase a percussion-cap pressing machine.

On motion by Mr. Wigfall,

Ordered, That the Committee on Military Affairs be discharged from the further consideration of the message of the President of the Confederate States communicating an estimate of the amount necessary for the construction and repair of railroads necessary for military purposes, and that it be referred to the Committee on Finance.

The Senate resumed the consideration of the amendment of the House of Representatives to the bill (S. 208) to provide for returned prisoners of war; and

On motion by Mr. Burnett,

Resolved, That they concur therein.

Ordered, That the Secretary inform the House of Representatives thereof.

The residue of the bills (H. R. 320, 323, 396, 398, and 399) received this day from the House of Representatives for concurrence were severally read the first and second times and referred to the Committee on Military Affairs.

The Senate resumed, as in Committee of the Whole, the consideration of the bill (H. R. 379) to levy additional taxes for the year 1865, for the support of the Government.

On the question to agree to the first reported amendment, to wit: Strike out all of the bill from the enacting clause to the fourth section and insert:

That in addition to the taxes levied by the act approved February seventeenth, eighteen hundred and sixty-four, entitled "An act to amend an act entitled 'An act to lay taxes for the common defense and carry on the Government of the Confederate States,' approved twenty-fourth April, eighteen hundred and sixty-three," there shall be levied for the year eighteen hundred and sixty-five, on the subjects of taxation hereinafter mentioned, and collected from every person, copartnership, association, or corporation liable therefor, taxes as follows, to wit:

I. Upon the value of all property, real, personal, or mixed, of every kind and description, not hereinafter exempted or taxed at a different rate, five per cent. The value of the property taxed under this section shall be assessed on the basis of the

market value of the same, or similar property in the neighborhood where assessed, in the year eighteen hundred and sixty; and it is hereby declared that all the property and assets of corporations, associations, or joint stock companies, whether incorporated or not, shall be assessed and taxed in the same manner, and to the same extent, as the property and assets of individuals. The tax on such property and assets to be assessed against and paid by such corporations, associations, or joint stock companies: *Provided*, That no bank or banking company shall be liable to pay a tax on deposits of money to the credit of, and subject to, the checks of others: *And provided further*, That the stock or shares representing property or assets in corporations, associations, or joint stock companies shall not be assessed or taxed as property under this act; but the dividends derived therefrom shall be subject to be taxed as income under existing laws.

II. Upon the amount of all gold or silver coin, and upon the amount of all moneys held abroad, or bills of exchange drawn therefor, promissory notes, rights, credits, and securities, payable in foreign countries, and upon the value of all gold dust, or gold and silver bullion, valued in specie, twenty per cent, and upon the value of gold and silver wares, plate, jewels, jewelry, and watches, valued on the basis of the value of such property in the year eighteen hundred and sixty, ten per cent.

III. Upon the amount of all moneys, except those mentioned in paragraph two, bank bills, Treasury notes, and other paper issued as currency, on hand or on deposit on the day of the approval of this act, five per cent.

IV. Upon the amount of all solvent credits, except those mentioned in paragraph two, five per cent: *Provided*, That all the bonds and stocks issued by the Confederate States, or by any State, and all loans to the Government of the Confederate States, shall be exempt from taxation, except as to the interest payable thereon, which shall be taxed as income, under existing laws: *Provided further*, That the interest on the bonds, stocks, or obligations of the Confederate States, or of any State, shall not be taxed as income in cases where the acts under which they were issued contain a stipulation that the interest thereon shall be exempt from taxation.

V. Upon profits made by buying and selling merchandise, effects, or property of any description, or money, gold, silver, stocks, credits, or obligations of any kind, at any time between January first, eighteen hundred and sixty-five, and January first, eighteen hundred and sixty-six, ten per cent in addition to the tax on such profits as income. Said profits to be ascertained by the difference between the price paid in Confederate Treasury notes, including all costs and charges, and the price realized in the same currency: *Provided*, That if the objects of sale were purchased at any time since January first, eighteen hundred and sixty-three, this additional tax shall attach on the profits realized on the sale thereof during the year eighteen hundred and sixty-five.

VI. Upon the amount of profits exceeding twenty-five per cent made during the year eighteen hundred and sixty-five by any bank or banking company, insurance, canal, navigation, importing or exporting, telegraph, express, railroad, manufacturing, mining, dry dock or other joint stock company, of any description, whether incorporated or not, twenty-five per cent: *Provided*, That this tax shall apply to individuals and partnerships engaged in trade, or any business or employment enumerated in this paragraph, as well as to corporations or joint stock companies.

SEC. 2. That the property, the income and moneys, of hospitals, asylums, churches, schools, colleges, and charitable institutions, shall be exempt from taxation under the provisions of this act, or any other law. All property within the lines of the enemy shall be exempt from taxation so long as it remains within such lines, but any income derived therefrom shall be taxed as income under existing laws. The exemptions enumerated in paragraphs one, two, and three of section five of the act entitled "An act to levy additional taxes for the common defense and support of the Government," approved seventeenth February, eighteen hundred and sixty-four, are hereby reenacted. Household furniture, where the value does not exceed three hundred dollars on the basis of the value thereof in the year eighteen hundred and sixty; wearing apparel; goods manufactured by any person for the use and consumption of his family, including slaves; poultry, fruit and the products of gardens, when said poultry, fruit and products are raised for the family of the producer, and not for sale; corn, bacon, and other agricultural products, which were produced in the year eighteen hundred and sixty-four, and necessary for the taxpayer's family, including slaves, during the present year, and in his possession on the day of the approval of this act.

SEC. 3. That the taxes on property for the year eighteen hundred and sixty-five, imposed by this act, shall be assessed as on the day of the approval of this act, and be due and collected on the first day of June next, or as soon thereafter as practicable. The additional taxes on profits for the year eighteen hundred and sixty-five shall be assessed and collected according to the provisions of existing laws in regard to the assessment and collection of taxes on income. And all the taxes imposed by

this act, as well as the taxes on incomes and profits, shall be payable in Confederate Treasury notes of the new issue, or in the certificates of indebtedness authorized by an act entitled "An act to reduce the currency and to authorize a new issue of notes and bonds," approved seventeenth February, eighteen hundred and sixty-four, at par, without any allowance for interest, except that the tax for the pay of soldiers shall be payable in Treasury notes only.

SEC. 4. That upon all the subjects of taxation mentioned in this act and the act approved seventeenth February, eighteen hundred and sixty-four, entitled "An act to amend an act entitled 'An act to lay taxes for the common defense and carry on the Government of the Confederate States,' approved twenty-fourth April, eighteen hundred and sixty-three," there shall be levied and assessed for the year eighteen hundred and sixty-five an additional tax in money, equal to one-fifth of the amount of the tax on the same subjects imposed for the year eighteen hundred and sixty-five by this act and the said act of seventeenth February, eighteen hundred and sixty-four, which tax shall be payable in Confederate Treasury notes of the new issue only, and shall be assessed and collected at the same time with the other taxes; and the money arising therefrom shall be first appropriated to the payment of the increased compensation of the soldiers of the Army: *Provided*, That this additional tax shall not be construed to apply to, or to increase, the tax in kind.

SEC. 5. That any taxpayer, under regulations to be prescribed by the Secretary of the Treasury, shall be allowed to pay into the Treasury in advance such sum or sums as he may choose on account of taxes to accrue against him, and to obtain therefor an unassignable certificate of such payment.

SEC. 6. That Congress having intended by the act of the seventeenth of February, eighteen hundred and sixty-four, entitled "An act to levy additional taxes for the common defense and support of the Government," as amended by the act of fourteenth of June, eighteen hundred and sixty-four, to impose said additional taxes for the year eighteen hundred and sixty-four only, the said act of seventeenth of February, eighteen hundred and sixty-four, as amended, in so far as it can be construed to operate otherwise than as thus intended, shall be, and the same is hereby, repealed,

On motion by Mr. Orr, to amend the amendment by striking out "five," section 1, line 15, and inserting "ten," and by inserting after "cent," in the same line, the following proviso:

Provided, That a credit be allowed each taxpayer on the tax on property engaged in agriculture equal to the value of the tithe, which shall be estimated according to the value of the products tithed on the first day of July, eighteen hundred and sixty,

After debate,

On motion by Mr. Brown,

The Senate resolved into secret legislative session.

The doors having been opened,

On motion by Mr. Burnett,

The Senate adjourned.

SECRET SESSION.

Mr. Caperton, from the committee, reported that they had examined and found truly enrolled

A bill (H. R. 392) to provide transportation for Senators, Representatives, and Delegates in Congress to their respective places of residence, and to increase, for a limited time, their salaries.

The President pro tempore having signed the enrolled bill last reported to have been examined, it was delivered to the Secretary of the Senate and by him forthwith presented to the President of the Confederate States for his approval.

Mr. Brown submitted the following resolution; which was considered and agreed to:

Resolved, That the Committee on Naval Affairs be instructed to inquire whether it may not be proper, in a possible contingency, to remove the Naval School from Richmond to some other point.

On motion by Mr. Burnett,

The Senate resolved into executive session.

EXECUTIVE SESSION.

The following message was received from the President of the Confederate States, by Mr. B. N. Harrison, his Secretary:

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT, CONFEDERATE STATES OF AMERICA,
Richmond, March 2, 1865.

To the Senate of the Confederate States:

Agreeably to the recommendation of the Secretary of War, I nominate the officers on the accompanying list to the grades affixed to their names, respectively.

JEFFERSON DAVIS.

No. 238.] WAR DEPARTMENT, CONFEDERATE STATES OF AMERICA,
Richmond, March 2, 1865.

SIR: I have the honor to recommend the following nominations for appointment in the Provisional Army of the Confederate States of America: —

Lieutenant-general.

Maj. Gen. N. B. Forrest, of Tennessee, to rank from February 28, 1865.

Brigadier-generals.

Col. Ellison Capers, of South Carolina, to rank from March 1, 1865.

Col. T. H. Bell, of Tennessee, to rank from February 28, 1865.

Col. A. W. Campbell, of Tennessee, to rank from March 1, 1865.

I am, sir, respectfully, your obedient servant,

JOHN C. BRECKINRIDGE,
Secretary of War.

To His Excellency JEFFERSON DAVIS,
President, &c.

The Senate proceeded to consider the nominations (received this day from the President) of Maj. Gen. N. B. Forrest, to be lieutenant-general; Cols. Ellison Capers, T. H. Bell, and A. W. Campbell, to be brigadier-generals; and it was

Resolved, That the Senate do advise and consent to their appointment, agreeably to the nomination of the President.

Mr. Wigfall, from the Committee on Military Affairs, to whom were referred (on the 1st instant) the nominations of A. J. McBride, to be colonel; C. C. Kibbee and G. W. Dorsey, to be lieutenant-colonels; F. M. Myers, to be major; S. B. Clowney, J. C. B. Harkness, James W. McCarty, and S. E. Morgan, to be captains, and A. W. Ballenger, J. C. Raiford, Henry Logue, and B. M. Schipman, to be second lieutenants (for distinguished valor and skill); Richard Morton, to be colonel Niter and Mining Corps; R. C. Gilchrist, to be major of artillery; M. P. Taylor, to be captain of artillery, for ordnance duty; Powhatan Ellis and R. M. Grinnell, to be majors in the Adjutant-General's Department; Richard Beale, E. S. Bryan, Henry C. Creel, W. S. Barnes, J. E. Porter, and D. A. Hinton, to be aids-de-camp, with rank of first lieutenant; and R. F. Notrebe, to be adjutant of Shaver's Arkansas infantry regiment, reported, with the recommendation that all of said nominations be confirmed.

The Senate proceeded to consider said report; and in concurrence therewith, it was

Resolved, That the Senate do advise and consent to their appointment, agreeably to the nomination of the President.

Mr. Wigfall, from the Committee on Military Affairs, to whom was referred (on the 1st instant) the nomination of A. H. Chalmers, to be lieutenant-colonel of cavalry, reported thereon; and

On motion by Mr. Watson,
Ordered, That it lie upon the table.

On motion by Mr. Burnett,

Ordered, That during the remainder of to-day's session no one be permitted to remain within the Senate Chamber except Senators, the Secretary of the Senate and his assistant, and the Journal Clerk.

Mr. Wigfall submitted the following resolution; which was considered and agreed to:

Resolved, That a committee of three Senators be appointed by the Senate, to confer with the President confidentially in reference to the present condition of the country, and ascertain, if possible, his plans and purposes.

The Senate proceeded, by ballot, to the appointment of the committee provided for by the resolution; and

Mr. Graham, Mr. Hunter, and Mr. Orr were appointed.

On motion by Mr. Burnett,

The Senate resolved into open legislative session.

FRIDAY, MARCH 3, 1865.

OPEN SESSION.

A message from the House of Representatives, by Mr. Dalton:

Mr. President: The House of Representatives have passed bills of the following titles; in which they request the concurrence of the Senate:

H. R. 294. An act to secure to sick and wounded officers the same rights and privileges in obtaining leaves of absence as are now provided by law for soldiers obtaining furloughs; and

H. R. 295. An act authorizing hospital accommodations for treatment, including subsistence, to certain officers and soldiers resigned, retired, or discharged.

The House of Representatives have agreed to the amendment of the Senate to bills of the following titles:

H. R. 266. An act to amend post route No. 1649, in the State of Georgia; and

H. R. 389. An act to amend an act to authorize the appointment of assistants to the Register in signing bonds and certificates, approved February 14, 1863.

And they disagree to the amendments of the Senate to the bill (H. R. 384) for the relief of bonded agriculturists in certain cases.

The House of Representatives have passed Senate bills of the following titles:

S. 193. An act to increase the pay of assistant paymasters in the Provisional Navy; and

S. 209. An act to continue in force and extend an act entitled "An act to increase the compensation of the noncommissioned officers and privates of the Army of the Confederate States," approved June 9, 1864.

And they have passed a resolution fixing a day for the adjournment of the present session of Congress; in which they request the concurrence of the Senate.

The Speaker of the House of Representatives having signed sundry enrolled bills and an enrolled joint resolution, I am directed to bring them to the Senate for the signature of their President.

Mr. Johnson of Missouri (by leave) introduced

A bill (S. 216) to appropriate money to pay the Missouri State Guard; which was read the first and second times and referred to the Committee on Finance.

Mr. Wigfall, from the Committee on Military Affairs, to whom were referred the following bills:

H. R. 288. An act authorizing the promotion of officers, noncommissioned officers, and privates for distinguished valor and skill, or for peculiar competency and general merit;

H. R. 320. An act to change the mode of filling vacancies among commissioned officers of companies, battalions, and regiments; and

H. R. 399. An act to authorize the Secretary of War to purchase a percussion-cap pressing machine; reported them severally, without amendment.

The Senate proceeded, as in Committee of the Whole, to the consideration of the said bills; and no amendment being made, they were severally reported to the Senate.

Ordered, That they pass to a third reading.

The said bills were severally read the third time.

Resolved, That they pass.

Ordered, That the Secretary inform the House of Representatives thereof.

Mr. Wigfall, from the Committee on Military Affairs, to whom was referred the bill (H. R. 398) making an appropriation for the purchase of a percussion-cap pressing machine, reported it without amendment.

The Senate proceeded, as in Committee of the Whole, to the consideration of the said bill; and no amendment being proposed, it was reported to the Senate.

Ordered, That it pass to a third reading.

The said bill was read the third time.

On the question,

Shall the bill now pass?

It was determined in the affirmative.	{ Yeas-----	13
	{ Nays-----	1

The vote having been taken by yeas and nays, conformably to the Constitution,

Those who voted in the affirmative are,

Messrs. Brown, Graham, Henry, Hunter, Johnson of Georgia, Johnson of Missouri, Maxwell, Oldham, Orr, Vest, Walker, Watson, and Wigfall.

Mr. Barnwell voted in the negative.

So it was

Resolved, That this bill pass, two-thirds of the Senators present having voted therefor.

Ordered, That the Secretary inform the House of Representatives thereof.

Mr. Wigfall, from the Committee on Military Affairs, to whom was referred the bill (H. R. 396) to organize a military court for western North Carolina, reported it without amendment.

Mr. Walker, from the Committee on the Judiciary, to whom was referred the bill (H. R. 397) to provide for the payment of the amounts due certain officers and privates who are prisoners of war, reported it without amendment.

The Senate proceeded, as in Committee of the Whole, to the consideration of the said bill; and no amendment being proposed, it was reported to the Senate.

Ordered, That it pass to a third reading.

The said bill was read the third time.

Resolved, That it pass.

Ordered, That the Secretary inform the House of Representatives thereof.

On motion by Mr. Walker,

Ordered, That the Committee on the Judiciary be discharged from the further consideration of a resolution inquiring what legislation is

necessary to cause to be made the enumeration of the people of the several Confederate States according to the requirements of the Constitution.

Mr. Semmes, from the Committee on Finance, to whom was referred the bill (H. R. 395) to regulate the compensation of the State collector of Virginia, reported it without amendment.

The Senate proceeded, as in Committee of the Whole, to the consideration of the said bill; and no amendment being proposed, it was reported to the Senate.

Ordered, That it pass to a third reading.

The said bill was read the third time.

Resolved, That it pass.

Ordered, That the Secretary inform the House of Representatives thereof.

The bills (H. R. 294 and 295) received this day from the House of Representatives for concurrence were severally read the first and second times and referred to the Committee on Military Affairs.

The Senate proceeded to consider their amendments, disagreed to by the House of Representatives, to the bill (H. R. 384) for the relief of bonded agriculturists in certain cases; and

On motion by Mr. Semmes,

Resolved, That the Senate insist on their amendments to the said bill and ask a conference on the disagreeing votes of the two Houses thereon.

On motion by Mr. Semmes,

Ordered, That the committee of conference on the part of the Senate be appointed by the President pro tempore; and

Mr. Orr, Mr. Watson, and Mr. Johnson of Missouri were appointed.

Ordered, That the Secretary inform the House of Representatives thereof.

Mr. Watson, from the Committee on Printing, reported

A bill (S. 217) in relation to printing and binding, in pamphlet form, the acts, resolutions, and treaties adopted at each session of Congress; which was read the first and second times and considered as in Committee of the Whole; and no amendment being proposed, it was reported to the Senate.

Ordered, That it be engrossed and read a third time.

The said bill was read the third time.

Resolved, That it pass, and that the title thereof be as aforesaid.

Ordered, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the House of Representatives therein.

Mr. Watson, from the joint select committee appointed to investigate the condition and treatment of prisoners of war held by the Confederate and United States Governments, submitted a report (No. 10); which was ordered to be printed.

The Senate proceeded, as in Committee of the Whole, to the consideration of the bill (H. R. 393) to provide for paying, in cotton, the annuities due the Seminole, Creek, Choctaw, and Chickasaw nations of Indians; and no amendment being proposed, it was reported to the Senate.

Ordered, That it pass to a third reading.

The said bill was read the third time.

Resolved, That it pass.

Ordered, That the Secretary inform the House of Representatives thereof.

The bill (S. 210) to further regulate the control and management of hospitals was read the second time and considered as in Committee of the Whole.

On motion by Mr. Simms, that the further consideration of the bill be postponed indefinitely,

It was determined in the negative,	} Yeas----- 7 Nays----- 8

On motion by Mr. Simms,

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present,
Those who voted in the affirmative are,

Messrs. Baker, Caperton, Johnson of Georgia, Maxwell, Simms, Vest, and Walker.

Those who voted in the negative are,

Messrs. Barnwell, Brown, Burnett, Johnson of Missouri, Oldham, Semmes, Watson, and Wigfall.

On motion by Mr. Burnett, to amend the bill by striking out all of the first section after the enacting clause,

It was determined in the affirmative.

No further amendment being proposed, the bill was reported to the Senate and the amendment was concurred in.

Ordered, That the bill be engrossed and read a third time.

The said bill was read the third time and the title was amended.

On the question,

Shall the bill now pass?

It was determined in the affirmative,	} Yeas----- 8 Nays----- 7

On motion by Mr. Simms,

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present,
Those who voted in the affirmative are,

Messrs. Barnwell, Brown, Burnett, Johnson of Missouri, Oldham, Semmes, Watson, and Wigfall.

Those who voted in the negative are,

Messrs. Baker, Caperton, Johnson of Georgia, Maxwell, Simms, Vest, and Walker.

So it was

Resolved, That this bill pass, and that the title thereof be "An act in relation to stewards, matrons, and other employees of hospitals."

Ordered, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the House of Representatives therein.

On motion by Mr. Simms, that the vote on passing the bill (S. 210) last mentioned be reconsidered,

On motion by Mr. Simms,

Ordered, That the further consideration thereof be postponed until to-morrow.

On motion by Mr. Brown,

The Senate resolved into secret legislative session.

The doors having been opened,

On motion by Mr. Walker,

Ordered, That the Senate take a recess until 2 o'clock p. m.

2 O'CLOCK P. M.

A message from the House of Representatives, by Mr. Dalton:

Mr. President: The House of Representatives have passed bills of the following titles; in which they request the concurrence of the Senate:

H. R. 244. An act to provide for the settlement of certain matters of account growing out of purchases of property, as alleged by the purchasers, for the use of the Government, by Payne & Co., in the State of Texas; and

H. R. 258. An act to amend the act of February 7, 1863, so as to allow commutation to soldiers for the war who have received no furlough.

The Speaker of the House of Representatives having signed sundry enrolled bills, I am directed to bring them to the Senate for the signature of their President.

The residue of the bills received this day from the House of Representatives for concurrence were severally read the first and second times; and

Ordered, That the bill numbered 244 be referred to the Committee on the Judiciary and the bill numbered 258 to the Committee on Military Affairs.

Mr. Brown submitted the following resolution; which was considered and agreed to:

Resolved, That from and after to-day the hour of meeting of the Senate shall be eleven o'clock antemeridian.

Mr. Baker (by leave) introduced

A joint resolution (S. 34) in reference to the salaries of the auditors of the Treasury and other heads of bureaus in the civil departments of the Government at Richmond;

which was read the first and second times and referred to the Committee on Finance.

On motion by Mr. Johnson of Georgia,

Ordered, That the Senate take a recess until 8 o'clock p. m.

8 O'CLOCK P. M.

The Senate resumed, as in Committee of the Whole, the consideration of the bill (H. R. 379) to levy additional taxes for the year 1865, for the support of the Government.

The question being on agreeing to the amendment proposed by Mr. Orr to the first amendment reported from the Committee on Finance, Mr. Orr modified his amendment so as to read as follows:

Strike out "five," section 1, line 15, and insert "ten," and insert after "cent," in the same line, the following proviso: "*Provided*, That from the ten per cent tax on the value of property employed in agriculture shall be deducted the value of the tax in kind derived therefrom during the same year, assessed on the basis of the value of the articles subject to the tax in kind on the first day of July, eighteen hundred and sixty, and delivered to the Government, whether delivered during the year or afterwards, including the bacon deliverable after and not prior to the assessment of the tax on property employed in agriculture as aforesaid; and the assessors of the tax in kind shall, at the same time that they assess the present value of the tax in kind for the purpose of enforcing its collection and delivery, be also authorized and required to assess the specie value thereof on the first day of July, eighteen hundred and sixty, for the purpose of ascertaining and fixing the amount of the credit on the property tax imposed by this section; and it shall be the duty of the post quartermaster to certify, and of the district collector to deduct, the specie value of the tithe as aforesaid; and the collection of three per cent of the tax on the value of property employed in agriculture imposed by this section shall be suspended by the Secretary of the Treasury after the assessment until the specie value of the tithe as aforesaid can be ascertained."

On the question to agree to the amendment proposed by Mr. Orr, as modified,

It was determined in the affirmative,	{ Yeas -----	9
	{ Nays -----	5

On motion by Mr. Orr,

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present, Those who voted in the affirmative are,

Messrs. Baker, Barnwell, Caperton, Hunter, Johnson of Georgia, Maxwell, Orr, Walker, and Wigfall.

Those who voted in the negative are,

Messrs. Graham, Henry, Johnson of Missouri, Oldham, and Watson.

On motion by Mr. Semmes, to amend the reported amendment by inserting before the words "the value," section 1, line 15, the words "The terms *property employed in agriculture* shall be construed to include the entire farm or plantation, any part of which may be in cultivation, and all the slaves, stock, teams, and farming utensils thereon,"

It was determined in the affirmative.

On motion by Mr. Walker, to amend the reported amendment by inserting after "act," section 2, line 32, the words "shall be exempt from taxation, under the provisions of this act or any other law,"

It was determined in the affirmative.

The first reported amendment as amended was then agreed to.

The residue of the reported amendments having been agreed to,

On motion by Mr. Orr, to amend the bill by inserting after "pay," section 4, line 1, the words "one-half of,"

It was determined in the affirmative.

On motion by Mr. Oldham, to amend the bill by striking out all after the enacting clause to the fifth section and inserting:

That from and after the passage of this act there shall be levied on the subjects of taxation hereinafter mentioned, and collected from every person, copartnership, or corporation liable therefor, taxes as follows, to wit:

I. Upon the value of all property, real, personal, and mixed, of every kind and description, not hereinafter exempted, or taxed at a different rate, one-half of one per cent. The value of such property shall be assessed on the basis of the market value of the same or similar property in the neighborhood where assessed, in the year eighteen hundred and sixty.

The taxes above levied shall be paid in Confederate States Treasury notes, certificates of indebtedness, or accounts for property purchased or impressed for or on account of the Government, duly certified to as valid and just by a bonded quartermaster or commissary, and that the same has not been paid by him for want of funds; but said Treasury notes, certificates of indebtedness, and accounts certified as aforesaid, shall be received by the collectors in the payment of the tax of one per cent aforesaid, at the market value in specie, to be ascertained, assessed, and declared, from time to time, as hereinafter provided.

II. Upon the amount of all gold and silver coin, gold dust, gold and silver bullion, whether held by banks, or other corporations, or individuals, and upon all moneys held abroad, and bills of exchange drawn on foreign countries, a tax of one per cent, which may be paid in kind, or in the evidences of indebtedness above specified, at the market value of the same in specie as aforesaid. The tax upon money abroad shall be assessed and collected according to the specie value thereof at the place where the tax is paid.

III. Upon the amount of all solvent credits, one per cent, to be assessed upon the specie value thereof at the time the assessment is made, to be paid in the evidences of indebtedness, at their market specie value, as aforesaid; and upon bank bills and other currency not employed in a registered business, the income derived from which is taxed, one per cent, which shall be paid in kind, or in the evidences of indebtedness at their value as aforesaid.

SEC. 2. That all the property and assets of corporations, associations, and joint stock companies of every description, whether incorporated or not, shall be assessed and taxed in the same manner and to the same extent as the property and assets of

individuals; the tax on such property and assets to be assessed against and paid by such corporation, association, and joint stock company: *Provided*, That no bank or banking company shall be liable to pay tax upon deposits of money to the credit of and subject to the checks of others: *And provided also*, That the stock or shares representing property or assets in corporations, associations, or joint stock companies, shall not be assessed and taxed as property under this act, but the dividends derived therefrom shall be liable to the income tax as provided by existing laws.

Sec. 3. That the following exemptions from taxation under this act shall be allowed, to wit:

The property; income, and moneys of hospitals, asylums, churches, schools, colleges, and charitable institutions.

All property within the enemy's lines shall be exempt so long as it shall remain within such lines, unless income be derived from such property, and in that event the income so derived shall be taxed.

The exemptions enumerated in paragraphs one, two, and three of section five of the act entitled "An act to levy additional taxes for the common defense and support of the Government," approved seventeenth February, eighteen hundred and sixty-four, are hereby reenacted. Wearing apparel; household furniture, where the value thereof does not exceed one thousand dollars; goods manufactured by any person for the use and consumption of his family; products of gardens, poultry, and fruit raised for the family of the producer, and not for sale, and corn, bacon, and other agricultural products, which were produced in the year eighteen hundred and sixty-four, and in the possession of the producer on the day of the passage of this act, and necessary for the support of himself and family, including his slaves, during the present year, from or on which taxes in kind have been deducted and delivered, or paid, shall be exempt from taxation.

Sec. 4. That the taxes on property for the year eighteen hundred and sixty-five imposed by this act shall be assessed as on the day of the passage of this act, and shall be due and collected on the first day of July next, or as soon thereafter as practicable.

Sec. 5. That upon each trade, business, or occupation, as specified and defined in the act entitled "An act to amend an act entitled 'An act to levy taxes for the common defense and carry on the Government of the Confederate States,' approved April twenty-fourth, eighteen hundred and sixty-three," approved February seventeenth, eighteen hundred and sixty-four, in lieu of the specific taxes therein levied, there shall be paid by the persons following said trade, business, or occupation the following taxes, to wit:

1. Bankers shall pay one hundred dollars.
2. Auctioneers shall pay ten dollars.
3. Wholesale dealers in liquors of any and every description, including distilled spirits, fermented liquors, and wines of all kinds, forty dollars.
4. Retail dealers in liquors, including distilled spirits, fermented liquors, and wines of every description, twenty dollars.
5. Retail dealers whose quarterly sales shall exceed one hundred dollars and be less than five hundred dollars, five dollars; and where quarterly sales exceed five hundred dollars, ten dollars.
6. Wholesale dealers shall pay forty dollars.
7. Pawnbrokers shall pay forty dollars.
8. Distillers shall pay forty dollars.
9. Brewers shall pay twenty dollars.
10. Hotels, inns, and eating houses of the first class shall pay one hundred dollars; those of the second class shall pay sixty dollars; those of the third class shall pay forty dollars; those of the fourth class shall pay twenty dollars, and those of the fifth class shall pay six dollars.
11. Brokers shall pay forty dollars.
12. Commercial brokers or commission merchants shall pay forty dollars.
13. Tobacconists shall pay ten dollars.
14. Theaters shall pay one hundred dollars.
15. Bowling alleys and billiard rooms shall pay eight dollars for each alley or billiard table registered; which tax shall be paid by the owner thereof.
16. Livery stable keepers shall pay ten dollars.
17. Butchers and bakers shall pay ten dollars.
18. Cattle brokers shall pay ten dollars.
19. Peddlers shall pay ten dollars.
20. Apothecaries shall pay ten dollars.
21. Photographers shall pay ten dollars.
22. Lawyers shall pay ten dollars.

23. Physicians, surgeons, and dentists, actually engaged in practice, shall pay ten dollars.

24. Confectioners shall pay ten dollars.

The taxes above levied and specified shall be paid in Confederate Treasury notes, certificates of indebtedness, or certified accounts of bonded quartermasters and commissaries, at the market value thereof in specie as aforesaid. Nothing in this act contained shall be construed to exempt the persons engaged in or following the trades, business, and occupations above designated from the payment of the amount of per centum on sales as are levied in the act of February seventeenth, eighteen hundred and sixty-four, aforesaid; and the taxes above specified, as well as the per centum on sales, shall be paid and collected under and in accordance with the provisions of said act, subject to the changes and modifications above set forth.

Sec. 6. That all soldiers and salaried officers in the service of the Confederate States shall be allowed and permitted to pay their taxes, to the full amount of their pay or salaries for the year for which such taxes are payable, in Confederate Treasury notes at par; but in all cases where salaries have been increased by law, said Treasury notes offered in payment of the taxes of such officers shall be reduced so as to represent the original salary established by law for such officers.

Sec. 7. That the State collector of taxes of each State shall, immediately after the passage of this act, appoint three discreet persons in each Congressional district in his State, who shall take and subscribe an oath before some officer authorized to administer the same, for the true and faithful performance of their duties under this act (which oath shall be deposited with such collector), and who shall meet on the fifth day preceding the first day of July next, at such places in their district as they or any two of them may agree upon, and shall ascertain and declare the market value in specie of Confederate Treasury notes, certificates of indebtedness, and accounts of bonded quartermasters and commissaries, for property purchased or impressed for or on account of the Government, duly certified to by such officer as valid and just, and have not been paid by him for want of funds, and shall immediately make out a written declaration of the same, and transmit a copy of the same to the collector of each county, parish, or district in their Congressional district, and also a copy to the State collector, on or before the first day of July; and thereafter said persons shall, on the fifth day before the expiration of each succeeding month, again meet, and ascertain and declare the values aforesaid, and make out and transmit copies as aforesaid; and the values so ascertained and declared shall be at the rate at which said evidences of Government indebtedness and Treasury notes shall be receivable by collectors in payment of taxes during the month immediately succeeding such declaration, except when the same shall be paid by soldiers and salaried officers of the Government, as provided in the sixth section of this act,

It was determined in the affirmative.	} Yeas -----	9
		Nays -----

On motion by Mr. Oldham.

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present,
Those who voted in the affirmative are,

Messrs. Barnwell, Brown, Henry, Johnson of Georgia, Johnson of Missouri, Oldham, Semmes, Watson, and Wigfall.

Those who voted in the negative are,

Messrs. Baker, Caperton, Graham, Hunter, Maxwell, Orr, and Walker.

On motion by Mr. Semmes,

Ordered, That the bill be recommitted to the Committee on Finance.

On motion by Mr. Johnson of Missouri.

The Senate resolved into executive session.

The doors having been opened,

On motion by Mr. Graham,

The Senate adjourned.

SECRET SESSION.

Mr. Brown, from the Committee on Naval Affairs, who were instructed by a resolution of the Senate to inquire into the subject, reported

A bill (S. 218) to authorize the removal of the Naval School; which was read the first and second times and considered as in Committee of the Whole; and no amendment being proposed, it was reported to the Senate.

Ordered, That it be engrossed and read a third time.

The said bill was read the third time.

Resolved, That it pass, and that the title thereof be as aforesaid.

Ordered, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the House of Representatives therein.

On motion by Mr. Vest,

The Senate resolved into open legislative session.

EXECUTIVE SESSION.

Mr. Graham, from the committee appointed by the Senate to confer with the President, confidentially, in reference to the present condition of the country, and ascertain, if possible, his plans and purposes, reported thereon.

On motion by Mr. Johnson of Georgia, that the committee be instructed to bring in a written report on the subject,

It was determined in the negative,	{ Yeas-----	7
	{ Nays-----	9

On motion by Mr. Orr,

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present, Those who voted in the affirmative are,

Messrs. Barnwell, Brown, Caperton, Hunter, Johnson of Georgia, Oldham, and Semmes.

Those who voted in the negative are,

Messrs. Baker, Graham, Henry, Johnson of Missouri, Maxwell, Orr, Walker, Watson, and Wigfall.

On motion by Mr. Orr,

The Senate resolved into open legislative session.

SATURDAY, MARCH 4, 1865.

OPEN SESSION.

A message from the House of Representatives, by Mr. Dalton:

Mr. President: The House of Representatives have passed bills and a joint resolution of the following titles; in which they request the concurrence of the Senate:

H. R. 264. An act to increase the compensation of district attorneys;

H. R. 347. An act to authorize and regulate the allowances of naval storekeepers;

H. R. 401. An act to amend and extend the provisions of an act entitled "An act, fixing the salaries of certain civil officers in the Trans-Mississippi Department," approved February 18, 1865;

H. R. 404. An act further to amend the act to provide an invalid corps, approved February 17, 1864;

H. R. 405. An act to establish certain post routes therein named;

H. R. 406. An act to amend the acts to regulate the assessment and collection of taxes in kind;

H. R. 407. An act to construe and declare more explicitly the meaning of an act to increase the compensation of the heads of the several Executive Departments and the Assistant Secretary of War and the Treasury and of the Assistant Attorney-General and the Comptroller of the Treasury and other officers therein named, approved June 14, 1864;

H. R. 408. An act regulating the compensation of Government officers, clerks, and employees in the city of Petersburg;

H. R. 410. An act making an appropriation for the construction and repair of railroads for military purposes for the year 1865; and

H. R. 31. Joint resolution respecting a census.

The House of Representatives have concurred in the amendment of the Senate to the amendment of the House to the bill (S. 191) to abolish the office of all officers engaged in discharging the duties of provost-marshal, except within the lines of an army in the field.

The bill (H. R. 347) to authorize and regulate the allowances of naval storekeepers was read the first and second times and considered as in Committee of the Whole; and no amendment being proposed, it was reported to the Senate.

Ordered. That it pass to a third reading.

The said bill was read the third time.

Resolved. That it pass.

Ordered. That the Secretary inform the House of Representatives thereof.

The residue of the bills and the joint resolution received this day from the House of Representatives for concurrence were severally read the first and second times; and

Ordered. That the bills numbered 401, 406, 407, and 408 be referred to the Committee on Finance; the bills numbered 404 and 410 to the Committee on Military Affairs; the bill numbered 264 and the joint resolution numbered 31 to the Committee on the Judiciary, and the bill numbered 405 to the Committee on Post-Offices and Post-Roads.

Mr. Caperton, from the committee, reported that they had examined and found truly enrolled bills and a joint resolution of the following titles:

S. 106. An act to modify and amend an act to regulate the destruction of property, under military necessity, and to provide for the indemnity thereof, approved March 17, 1862;

S. 137. An act to establish the flag of the Confederate States;

S. 160. An act to allow missionaries in the Army rations;

S. 193. An act to increase the pay of assistant paymasters in the Provisional Navy;

S. 194. An act to provide for promotion of officers in certain cases;

S. 195. An act to authorize the Secretary of War to negotiate with the governors of the several States for slave labor;

S. 197. An act declaring certain persons liable to duty in the reserve forces of the respective States;

S. 208. An act to provide for returned prisoners of war;

S. 209. An act to continue in force and extend an act entitled "An act to increase the compensation of the noncommissioned officers and privates of the Army of the Confederate States," approved June 9, 1864;

S. 32. Joint resolution construing the act of May 31, 1864, to provide for the appointment of a disbursing clerk in the War Department; and

H. R. 388. An act to authorize the First Auditor to receive and keep the accounts of the Navy Department.

The President pro tempore having signed the enrolled bills and enrolled joint resolution last reported to have been examined, they were delivered to the Secretary of the Senate and by him forthwith presented to the President of the Confederate States for his approval.

Mr. Baker (by leave) introduced

A bill (S. 219) to regulate the payment of clerks employed at the post-office in the city of Richmond; which was read the first and second times and referred to the Committee on Post-Offices and Post-Roads.

Mr. Graham presented a resolution passed by the legislature of the State of North Carolina against the policy of arming slaves; which was read.

Ordered, That it lie upon the table and be printed.

Mr. Graham presented resolutions passed by the legislature of the State of North Carolina in relation to allowing transportation to officers, noncommissioned officers, and privates, and in relation to abolishing provost guards; which were severally read.

Ordered, That they be referred to the Committee on Military Affairs and printed.

Mr. Orr, from the Committee on Finance, reported

A bill (S. 220) to increase the salary of the assistant treasurer at Charleston, S. C.;

which was read the first and second times and considered as in Committee of the Whole; and no amendment being proposed, it was reported to the Senate.

Ordered, That it be engrossed and read a third time.

The said bill was read the third time.

Resolved, That it pass, and that the title thereof be as aforesaid.

Ordered, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the House of Representatives therein.

The Senate proceeded to consider the motion submitted by Mr. Simms on yesterday, to reconsider the vote on passing the bill (S. 210) in relation to stewards, matrons, and other employees of hospitals; and

The motion was agreed to.

The Senate resumed the consideration of the said bill; and

On the question,

Shall the bill now pass?

It was determined in the negative.

So it was

Resolved, That this bill do not pass.

The Senate proceeded, as in Committee of the Whole, to the consideration of the bill (H. R. 396) to organize a military court for western North Carolina; and

On motion by Mr. Graham,

Ordered, That it lie upon the table.

Mr. Semmes, from the Committee on Finance, to whom was recommit-
ted the bill (H. R. 379) to levy additional taxes for the year 1865,
for the support of the Government, reported it with an amendment.

The Senate proceeded, as in Committee of the Whole, to the consideration of the said bill.

On the question to agree to the reported amendment, to wit: Strike out all after the enacting clause and insert:

That in addition to the taxes levied by the act approved February seventeenth, eighteen hundred and sixty-four, entitled "An act to amend an act entitled 'An act to lay taxes for the common defense and carry on the Government of the Confederate States,' approved twenty-fourth April, eighteen hundred and sixty-three," there shall be levied for the year eighteen hundred and sixty-five, on the subjects of taxation hereinafter mentioned, and collected from every person, copartnership, association, or corporation liable therefor, taxes as follows, to wit:

I. Upon the value of all property, real, personal, or mixed, of every kind and

description, not hereinafter exempted, or taxed at a different rate, one-half of one per cent. The value of the property taxed under this section shall be assessed on the basis of the market value of the same or similar property in the neighborhood where assessed in the year eighteen hundred and sixty; and it is hereby declared that all the property and assets of corporations, associations, or joint stock companies, whether incorporated or not, shall be assessed and taxed in the same manner and to the same extent as the property and assets of individuals. The tax on such property and assets to be assessed against and paid by such corporations, associations, or joint stock companies: *Provided*, That no bank or banking company shall be liable to pay a tax on deposits of money to the credit of and subject to the checks of others: *And provided further*, That the stock or shares representing property or assets in corporations, associations, or joint stock companies shall not be assessed or taxed as property under this act; but the dividends derived therefrom shall be subject to be taxed as income under existing laws.

II. Upon the amount of all gold or silver coin, and upon the amount of all moneys held abroad, or bills of exchange drawn therefor, promissory notes, rights, credits, and securities, payable in foreign countries, and upon the value of all gold dust or gold and silver bullion, valued in specie, one per cent; and upon the value of gold and silver wares, plate, jewels, jewelry, and watches, valued on the basis of the value of such property in the year eighteen hundred and sixty, one-half of one per cent.

III. Upon the amount of all moneys, except those mentioned in paragraph two, bank bills, Treasury notes, and other paper issued as currency, on hand or on deposit on the day of the approval of this act, two per cent.

IV. Upon the amount of all solvent credits, except those mentioned in paragraph two, two per cent: *Provided*, That all the bonds and stocks issued by the Confederate States, or by any State, and all loans to the Government of the Confederate States, shall be exempt from taxation, except as to the interest payable thereon, which shall be taxed as income under existing laws: *Provided further*, That the interest on the bonds, stocks, or obligations of the Confederate States, or of any State, shall not be taxed as income in cases where the acts under which they were issued contained a stipulation that the interest thereon shall be exempt from taxation.

V. Upon profits made by buying and selling merchandise, effects, or property of any description, or money, gold, silver, stocks, credits or obligations of any kind, at any time between January first, eighteen hundred and sixty-five, and January first, eighteen hundred and sixty-six, ten per cent in addition to the tax on such profits as income; said profits to be ascertained by the difference between the price paid in Confederate Treasury notes, including all costs and charges, and the price realized in the same currency: *Provided*, That if the objects of sale were purchased at any time since January first, eighteen hundred and sixty-three, this additional tax shall attach on the profits realized on the sale thereof during the year eighteen hundred and sixty-five.

VI. Upon the amount of profits exceeding twenty-five per cent made during the year eighteen hundred and sixty-five by any bank or banking company, insurance, canal, navigation, importing or exporting, telegraph, express, railroad, manufacturing, mining, dry dock, or other joint stock company of any description, whether incorporated or not, twenty-five per cent: *Provided*, That this tax shall apply to individuals and partnerships engaged in trade, or in any business or employment enumerated in this paragraph, as well as to corporations or joint stock companies: *Provided further*, That individuals and partnerships who have not been assessed, or who have not paid, for the year eighteen hundred and sixty-four, the tax imposed on the excess of profits over twenty-five per cent for that year, shall be assessed and required to pay, during the year eighteen hundred and sixty-five, twenty-five per cent tax on the excess of profits over twenty-five per cent realized during the year eighteen hundred and sixty-four.

Sec. 2. That the property, the income and moneys, of hospitals, asylums, churches, schools, colleges, and charitable institutions shall be exempt from taxation under the provisions of this act or any other law. All property within the lines of the enemy shall be exempt from taxation so long as it remains within such lines; but any income derived therefrom shall be taxed as income under existing laws. The exemptions enumerated in paragraphs one, two, and three of section five of the act entitled "An act to levy additional taxes for the common defense and support of the Government," approved seventeenth February, eighteen hundred and sixty-four, are hereby reenacted. Household furniture, where the value does not exceed three hundred dollars on the basis of the value thereof in the year eighteen hundred and sixty; wearing apparel; goods manufactured by any person for the use and consumption of his family, including slaves; poultry, fruit, and the products of gardens, when

said poultry, fruit, and products are raised for the family of the producer and not for sale; corn, bacon, and other agricultural products which were produced in the year eighteen hundred and sixty-four, and necessary for the taxpayer's family, including slaves, during the present year, and in his possession on the day of the approval of this act, shall be exempt from taxation.

SEC. 3. That when property, real or personal, has been injured or destroyed by the enemy, or the owner thereof has been temporarily deprived of the use thereof, or, in the case of real estate, of the means of cultivating the same, by reason of the possession or proximity of the enemy, the assessment on such property may be reduced in proportion to the damage sustained by the owner, or the tax assessed thereon may be reduced in the same ratio by the district collector on satisfactory evidence submitted to him by the owner or assessor: *Provided*, That the families of soldiers in the Army, and those soldiers discharged or retired from active service in the field on account of physical disability, and whose families are composed entirely of white members, whose farms are cultivated by their families, shall not be liable to any tax in kind.

SEC. 4. That the taxes on property for the year eighteen hundred and sixty-five imposed by this act shall be assessed as on the day of the approval of this act, and be due and collected on the first day of June next, or as soon thereafter as practicable. The additional taxes on profits for the year eighteen hundred and sixty-five shall be assessed and collected according to the provisions of existing laws in regard to the assessment and collection of taxes on income.

SEC. 5. That the taxes levied by paragraphs one and two of the first section of this act shall be paid in Confederate States Treasury notes of the new issue, and certificates of indebtedness authorized by an act entitled "An act to reduce the currency and to authorize a new issue of notes and bonds," approved seventeenth February, eighteen hundred and sixty-four; but said Treasury notes and certificates shall be received by the collectors in payment of said taxes only at their market value in specie, to be ascertained, assessed, and declared from time to time, as hereinafter mentioned: *Provided*, That at least one-half of said taxes shall be paid in said Treasury notes. And it is hereby enacted that the certificates of indebtedness authorized by the said act of seventeenth February, eighteen hundred and sixty-four, may be issued for debts contracted prior to the passage of said act, and that the agent of the Treasury for the Trans-Mississippi Department be, and he is hereby, authorized to issue, under regulations to be prescribed by the Secretary of the Treasury, the certificates of indebtedness provided for in the said act of seventeenth February, eighteen hundred and sixty-four, for debts contracted in the Trans-Mississippi Department prior or subsequent to the passage of said act of seventeenth February, eighteen hundred and sixty-four, and that all the certificates above mentioned shall be received in payment of said taxes at their market value in specie as aforesaid; subject, however, to the condition above mentioned, that one-half of said taxes are to be paid in Treasury notes.

SEC. 6. That the taxes mentioned in paragraphs three, four, five, and six of section one of this act, and all the money taxes imposed by the act approved seventeenth February, eighteen hundred and sixty-four, entitled "An act to amend an act entitled 'An act to lay taxes for the common defense and carry on the Government of the Confederate States,' approved April twenty-fourth, eighteen hundred and sixty-three," shall be paid in Confederate States Treasury notes of the new issue only at par.

SEC. 7. That the State collector of taxes of each State shall, immediately after the passage of this act, appoint three discreet persons in each Congressional district in his State, who shall take and subscribe an oath before some officer authorized to administer the same, for the true and faithful performance of their duties under this act (which oath shall be deposited with such collector), and who shall meet on the fifth day preceding the first day of June next, at such places in their district as they or any two of them may agree upon, and shall ascertain and declare the market value in specie of Confederate Treasury notes and certificates of indebtedness, and shall immediately make out a written declaration of the same, and transmit a copy of the same to the collector of each county, parish, or district in their Congressional district, and also a copy to the State collector, on or before the first day of June; and thereafter said persons shall, on the fifth day before the expiration of each succeeding month, again meet, and ascertain and declare the values aforesaid, and make out and transmit copies of the same as aforesaid; and the values so ascertained and declared shall be at the rate at which said evidences of Government indebtedness and Treasury notes shall be receivable by collectors in payment of taxes during the month immediately succeeding such declaration: *Provided*, That the governor of any State may appoint one of the three persons in each Congressional district as above mentioned, in case he make such appointment on or before the first day of May next.

SEC. 8. That the act approved seventeenth February, eighteen hundred and sixty-four, entitled "An act to levy additional taxes for the common defense and support of the Government," in so far as the same can be construed as imposing taxes for the year eighteen hundred and sixty-five, or any other than the year eighteen hundred and sixty-four, is hereby repealed.

On motion by Mr. Barnwell, to amend the reported amendment by striking out "one-half," section 1, line 11, and inserting "one-third,"

It was determined in the affirmative.

On motion by Mr. Orr,

Ordered, That there be a call of the Senate.

The roll having been called, and the absentees again called, it appeared that the following Senators were absent without leave, viz:

Henry C. Burnett, Augustus H. Garland, Landon C. Haynes, George G. Vest, Richard W. Walker, and Louis T. Wigfall.

On motion by Mr. Johnson of Georgia,

Ordered, That Mr. Walker be excused for nonattendance.

On motion by Mr. Maxwell,

Ordered, That the Sergeant-at-Arms be directed to request the attendance of absent Senators.

On motion by Mr. Oldham,

Ordered, That he have leave of absence from the Senate Chamber, temporarily.

On motion by Mr. Orr,

Ordered, That all further proceedings under the call be dispensed with.

The question then recurred on agreeing to the amendment reported from the Committee on Finance, as amended: and

On motion by Mr. Maxwell, to amend the amendment by striking out "one-third of one per cent.," section 1, line 11, and inserting:

ten per cent: *Provided*, That from the ten per cent tax on the value of property employed in agriculture shall be deducted the value of the tax in kind derived therefrom during the same year, assessed on the basis of the value of the articles subject to the tax in kind on the first day of July, eighteen hundred and sixty, and delivered to the Government, whether delivered during the year or afterwards, including the bacon deliverable after and not prior to the assessment of the tax on property employed in agriculture as aforesaid; and the assessors of the tax in kind shall, at the same time that they assess the present value of the tax in kind for the purpose of enforcing its collection and delivery, be also authorized and required to assess the specie value thereof on the first day of July, eighteen hundred and sixty, for the purpose of ascertaining and fixing the amount of the credit on the property tax imposed by this section; and it shall be the duty of the post quartermaster to certify, and of the district collector to deduct, the specie value of the tithe as aforesaid; and the collection of three per cent of the tax on the value of property employed in agriculture imposed by this section shall be suspended by the Secretary of the Treasury after the assessment until the specie value of the tithe as aforesaid can be ascertained. The terms *property employed in agriculture* shall be construed to include the entire farm or plantation, any part of which may be in cultivation, and all the slaves, stock, teams, and farming utensils thereon,

It was determined in the negative,	{ Yeas	7
	{ Nays	9

On motion by Mr. Orr,

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present, Those who voted in the affirmative are,

Messrs. Baker, Caperton, Graham, Hunter, Johnson of Georgia, Maxwell, and Orr.

Those who voted in the negative are,

Messrs. Barnwell, Brown, Henry, Johnson of Missouri, Oldham, Semmes, Simms, Watson, and Wigfall.

On motion by Mr. Johnson of Georgia, to amend the amendment by striking out the words "the market value of the same or similar property in the neighborhood where assessed, in the year eighteen hundred and sixty," section 1, lines 12, 13, and 14, and inserting the words "its present specie value."

It was determined in the negative.

On motion by Mr. Simms, to reconsider the vote on disagreeing to the amendment proposed by Mr. Johnson of Georgia,

It was determined in the negative.

On motion by Mr. Johnson of Georgia, to reconsider the vote on agreeing to the following amendment proposed to the reported amendment by Mr. Barnwell, to wit: Strike out "one-half," section 1, line 11, and insert "one-third,"

It was determined in the affirmative. { Yeas----- 8
Nays----- 7

On motion by Mr. Johnson of Georgia,

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present,
Those who voted in the affirmative are,

Messrs. Baker, Brown, Caperton, Graham, Hunter, Johnson of Georgia, Maxwell, and Simms.

Those who voted in the negative are,

Messrs. Barnwell, Henry, Johnson of Missouri, Oldham, Orr, Semmes, and Watson.

On the question to agree to the amendment proposed by Mr. Barnwell,

It was determined in the negative.

On motion by Mr. Johnson of Georgia, to amend the reported amendment by striking out "one-half," section 1, line 11, and inserting "one-fourth,"

It was determined in the affirmative.

The reported amendment as amended was then agreed to.

No further amendment being proposed, the bill was reported to the Senate and the amendment was concurred in.

Ordered, That the amendment be engrossed and the bill read a third time.

The said bill as amended was read the third time.

On the question,

Shall the bill now pass?

It was determined in the affirmative. { Yeas----- 9
Nays----- 5

On motion by Mr. Baker,

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present,
Those who voted in the affirmative are,

Messrs. Barnwell, Brown, Henry, Johnson of Georgia, Oldham, Orr, Semmes, Watson, and Wigfall.

Those who voted in the negative are,

Messrs. Baker, Caperton, Graham, Hunter, and Maxwell.

So it was

Resolved, That this bill pass with an amendment.

Ordered, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the House of Representatives in the amendment.

On motion by Mr. Barnwell,

The Senate adjourned.

MONDAY, MARCH 6, 1865.

OPEN SESSION.

A message from the House of Representatives, by Mr. Dalton:

Mr. President: The House of Representatives have passed bills and joint resolutions of the following titles; in which they request the concurrence of the Senate:

H. R. 342. An act providing for the auditing and payment of properly authenticated claims;

H. R. 343. An act providing for the auditing and payment of properly authenticated claims against the Cotton Bureau in the Trans-Mississippi Department;

H. R. 402. An act to make rules concerning captures on land;

H. R. 412. An act to authorize the President of the Confederate States to organize, in the city of Richmond and county of Henrico, a volunteer force for temporary defense;

H. R. 413. An act to amend the sequestration laws;

H. R. 33. Joint resolution for the relief of postmasters in certain cases; and

H. R. 34. Joint resolution for the relief of Alexander F. Kinney, Confederate States depository at Staunton.

And they have passed bills of the Senate of the following titles:

S. 162. An act to amend an act entitled "An act to impose regulations upon the foreign commerce of the Confederate States to provide for the public defense," approved February 6, 1864; and

S. 180. An act to amend an act entitled "An act to prevent the procuring, aiding, and assisting persons to desert from the Army of the Confederate States, and for other purposes," approved January 22, 1864.

The bill first named with an amendment; in which they ask the concurrence of the Senate.

The House of Representatives insist upon their disagreement to the amendments of the Senate to the bill (H. R. 384) for the relief of bonded agriculturists in certain cases, agree to the conference asked by the Senate on the disagreeing votes of the two Houses thereon, and have appointed Mr. Anderson, Mr. Foster, and Mr. De Jarnette managers at the said conference on their part.

Mr. Semmes, from the Committee on Finance, to whom were referred the following bills:

H. R. 407. An act to construe and declare more explicitly the meaning of an act to increase the compensation of the heads of the several Executive Departments and the Assistant Secretary of War and the Treasury and of the Assistant Attorney-General and the Comptroller of the Treasury and other officers therein named, approved June 14, 1864; and

H. R. 408. An act regulating the compensation of Government officers, clerks, and employees in the city of Petersburg; reported them severally, without amendment.

The Senate proceeded, as in Committee of the Whole, to the consideration of the said bills; and no amendment being made, they were severally reported to the Senate.

Ordered, That they pass to a third reading.

The said bills were severally read the third time.

Resolved, That they pass.

Ordered, That the Secretary inform the House of Representatives thereof.

Mr. Semmes, from the Committee on Finance, to whom was referred the bill (H. R. 406) to amend the acts to regulate the assessment and collection of taxes in kind, reported it with amendments.

The Senate proceeded, as in Committee of the Whole, to the consideration of the said bill; and the reported amendments having been agreed to, the bill was reported to the Senate and the amendments were concurred in.

Ordered, That the amendments be engrossed and the bill read a third time.

The said bill as amended was read the third time.

Resolved, That it pass with amendments.

Ordered, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the House of Representatives in the amendments.

Mr. Oldham (by leave) introduced

A joint resolution (S. 35) providing for donations to the Treasury of the Confederate States; which was read the first and second times and considered as in Committee of the Whole;

and having been amended on the motion of Mr. Watson, the resolution was reported to the Senate and the amendment was concurred in.

Ordered, That the resolution be engrossed and read a third time.

The said resolution was read the third time.

Resolved, That it pass, and that the title thereof be as aforesaid.

Ordered, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the House of Representatives therein.

Mr. Wigfall, from the Committee on Military Affairs, to whom were referred the following bills:

H. R. 294. An act to secure to sick and wounded officers the same rights and privileges in obtaining leaves of absence as are now provided by law for soldiers obtaining furloughs;

H. R. 295. An act authorizing hospital accommodations for treatment, including subsistence, to certain officers and soldiers resigned, retired, or discharged;

H. R. 404. An act further to amend the act to provide an invalid corps, approved February 17, 1864; and

H. R. 410. An act making an appropriation for the construction and repair of railroads for military purposes for the year 1865; reported them severally, without amendment.

The Senate proceeded, as in Committee of the Whole, to the consideration of the said bills; and no amendment being proposed, they were severally reported to the Senate.

Ordered, That they pass to a third reading.

The said bills were severally read the third time.

Resolved, That they pass.

Ordered, That the Secretary inform the House of Representatives thereof.

Mr. Wigfall, from the Committee on Military Affairs, to whom was referred the bill (H. R. 258) to amend the act of February 7, 1863, so as to allow commutation to soldiers for the war who have received no furlough, reported it with an amendment.

The Senate proceeded, as in Committee of the Whole, to the consideration of the said bill; and the reported amendment having been agreed to, the bill was reported to the Senate and the amendment was concurred in.

Ordered, That the amendment be engrossed and the bill read a third time.

The said bill as amended was read the third time.

Resolved, That it pass with an amendment.

Ordered, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the House of Representatives in the amendment.

The bill (H. R. 343) providing for the auditing and payment of properly authenticated claims against the Cotton Bureau in the Trans-

Mississippi Department, received this day from the House of Representatives for concurrence, was read the first and second times and considered as in Committee of the Whole; and no amendment being proposed, it was reported to the Senate.

Ordered, That it pass to a third reading.

The said bill was read the third time.

Resolved, That it pass.

Ordered, That the Secretary inform the House of Representatives thereof.

The residue of the bills and the joint resolutions received this day from the House of Representatives for concurrence were severally read the first and second times; and

Ordered, That the bills numbered 342, 402, 413 be referred to the Committee on the Judiciary; the bill numbered 412 to the Committee on Military Affairs; the joint resolution numbered 33 to the Committee on Post-Offices and Post-Roads, and the joint resolution numbered 34 to the Committee on Claims.

Mr. Walker, from the Committee on the Judiciary, to whom was referred the bill (H. R. 244) to provide for the settlement of certain matters of account growing out of purchases of property, as alleged by the purchasers, for the use of the Government, by Payne & Co., in the State of Texas, reported it without amendment.

The Senate proceeded, as in Committee of the Whole, to the consideration of the said bill; and no amendment being proposed, it was reported to the Senate.

Ordered, That it pass to a third reading.

The said bill was read the third time.

Resolved, That it pass.

Ordered, That the Secretary inform the House of Representatives thereof.

On motion by Mr. Walker,

Ordered, That the Committee on the Judiciary be discharged from the further consideration of the bill (S. 158) to provide for the settlement of certain matters of account growing out of purchases of property, as alleged by the purchasers, for the use of the Government, by Payne & Co., in the State of Texas.

The Senate proceeded to consider the resolution of the House of Representatives fixing a day for the adjournment of the present session of Congress; and

On motion by Mr. Vest, that the further consideration thereof be postponed indefinitely.

It was determined in the negative.	Y	Yeas	-----	6
	N	Nays	-----	9

On motion by Mr. Vest,

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present, Those who voted in the affirmative are,

Messrs. Caperton, Henry, Hunter, Johnson of Missouri, Vest, and Wigfall.

Those who voted in the negative are,

Messrs. Barnwell, Graham, Johnson of Georgia, Maxwell, Oldham, Orr, Semmes, Walker, and Watson.

On motion by Mr. Oldham,

Ordered, That the resolution lie upon the table.

On motion by Mr. Caperton,

The Senate resolved into secret legislative session.

The doors having been opened,

The Senate resumed, as in Committee of the Whole, the consideration of the bill (H. R. 367) to increase the military force of the Confederate States; and

On motion by Mr. Caperton,

Ordered, That the further consideration thereof be postponed to and made the special order for to-morrow, at 12 o'clock.

The Senate proceeded to consider the amendment of the House of Representatives to the bill (S. 162) to amend an act entitled "An act to impose regulations upon the foreign commerce of the Confederate States to provide for the public defense," approved February 6, 1864; and

Resolved, That they concur therein.

Ordered, That the Secretary inform the House of Representatives thereof.

Mr. Caperton, from the committee, reported that they had examined and found truly enrolled bills of the following titles:

H. R. 389. An act to amend an act to authorize the appointment of assistants to the Register in signing bonds and certificates, approved February 14, 1863; and

H. R. 399. An act to authorize the Secretary of War to purchase a percussion-cap pressing machine.

The President pro tempore having signed the enrolled bills last reported to have been examined, they were delivered to the Secretary of the Senate and by him forthwith presented to the President of the Confederate States for his approval.

Mr. Baker, from the Committee on Post-Offices and Post-Roads, to whom was referred the bill (S. 219) to regulate the payment of clerks employed at the post-office in the city of Richmond, reported it without amendment.

The Senate proceeded, as in Committee of the Whole, to the consideration of the said bill; and no amendment being proposed, it was reported to the Senate.

Ordered, That it be engrossed and read a third time.

The said bill was read the third time.

Resolved, That it pass, and that the title thereof be as aforesaid.

Ordered, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the House of Representatives therein.

A message from the House of Representatives, by Mr. Dalton:

Mr. President: The House of Representatives disagree to the amendment proposed by the Senate to the bill (H. R. 379) to levy additional taxes for the year 1865, for the support of the Government, ask a conference on the disagreeing votes of the two Houses thereon, and have appointed Mr. Gilmer, Mr. Lyon, Mr. Russell, Mr. Anderson, and Mr. Hanly managers at the said conference on their part.

The Senate proceeded to consider their amendment, disagreed to by the House of Representatives, to the bill (H. R. 379) last mentioned; and

On motion by Mr. Semmes,

Resolved, That the Senate insist on their amendment to the said bill and agree to the conference asked by the House of Representatives on the disagreeing votes of the two Houses thereon.

On motion by Mr. Semmes,

Ordered, That the committee of conference on the part of the Senate be appointed by the President pro tempore; and

Mr. Semmes, Mr. Oldham, and Mr. Graham were appointed.

Ordered, That the Secretary inform the House of Representatives thereof.

A message from the President of the Confederate States, by Mr. B. N. Harrison, his Secretary:

Mr. President: The President of the Confederate States, on the 2d instant, approved and signed an act (S. 163) to authorize the appointment of additional officers in the Engineer Corps.

Ordered, That the Secretary inform the House of Representatives thereof.

Mr. Walker was, on his motion, excused from further service on the joint committee appointed to prepare an address to the people of the Confederate States.

Mr. Graham was, on his motion, also excused from further service on the said committee.

On motion by Mr. Semmes,

Ordered, That the President pro tempore appoint two members to fill the vacancies existing in the committee; and

Mr. Wigfall and Mr. Watson were appointed.

Ordered, That the Secretary inform the House of Representatives thereof.

On motion of Mr. Barnwell,

The Senate adjourned.

SECRET SESSION.

A message from the House of Representatives, by Mr. Dalton:

Mr. President: The House of Representatives have passed a bill and joint resolution of the following titles; in which they request the concurrence of the Senate:

H. R. 311. An act to provide transportation for the officers of either House of Congress to their respective places of residence, and to increase, for a limited time, their salaries; and

H. R. 32. Joint resolution in relation to the pay of Members of, and Delegates in, and of the officers of both Houses during the recess of Congress.

The bill (H. R. 311) and the joint resolution (H. R. 32) received this day from the House of Representatives for concurrence were severally read the first and second times and referred to the Committee on Finance.

On motion by Mr. Caperton,

The Senate proceeded, as in Committee of the Whole, to the consideration of the bill (H. R. 367) to increase the military force of the Confederate States; and

On motion by Mr. Orr,

Ordered, That it be transferred to the Open Legislative Calendar.

Mr. Wigfall, from the Committee on Military Affairs, to whom was referred the bill (H. R. 361) to provide for the establishment of a bureau of special and secret service, reported it without amendment.

The Senate proceeded, as in Committee of the Whole, to the consideration of the said bill; and no amendment being proposed, it was reported to the Senate.

Ordered, That it pass to a third reading.

The said bill was read the third time.

On the question,

Shall the bill now pass?

It was determined in the affirmative,	{ Yeas	-----	10
	{ Nays	-----	8

On motion by Mr. Graham,

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present,
Those who voted in the affirmative are,

Messrs. Brown, Caperton, Henry, Johnson of Missouri, Oldham,
Semmes, Simms, Vest, Watson, and Wigfall.

Those who voted in the negative are,

Messrs. Baker, Barnwell, Graham, Hunter, Johnson of Georgia,
Maxwell, Orr, and Walker.

So it was

Resolved, That this bill pass.

Ordered, That the Secretary inform the House of Representatives thereof.

The Senate proceeded to consider the motion submitted by Mr. Wigfall on the 24th ultimo, to reconsider the vote by which the Senate refused to pass to a third reading the joint resolution (H. R. 29) in relation to the services of Manuel and Rafael Armijo and Julian Tesorio; and

The motion was agreed to.

The Senate resumed the consideration of the said resolution; and

Ordered, That it pass to a third reading.

The said resolution was read the third time.

On the question,

Shall the resolution now pass?

It was determined in the affirmative,	{ Yeas-----	10
	{ Nays-----	7

On motion by Mr. Orr,

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present,
Those who voted in the affirmative are,

Messrs. Brown, Caperton, Henry, Johnson of Missouri, Oldham,
Semmes, Vest, Watson, and Wigfall.

Those who voted in the negative are,

Messrs. Barnwell, Burnett, Graham, Hunter, Johnson of Georgia,
Orr, and Walker.

So it was

Resolved, That this resolution pass.

Ordered, That the Secretary inform the House of Representatives thereof.

A message from the House of Representatives, by Mr. Dalton:

Mr. President: The House of Representatives have passed bills of the Senate of the following titles:

S. 105. An act to authorize the exportation of cotton by the several States in payment for army and other supplies and cotton and wool cards; and

S. 218. An act to authorize the removal of the Naval School.

The bill first named with amendments; in which they request the concurrence of the Senate.

The Senate proceeded to consider the amendments of the House of Representatives to the bill (S. 105) to authorize the exportation of cotton by the several States in payment for army and other supplies and cotton and wool cards; and

Resolved, That they concur therein.

Ordered, That the Secretary inform the House of Representatives thereof.

On motion by Mr. Watson,

The Senate resolved into executive session.

EXECUTIVE SESSION.

The Senate resumed the consideration of the nomination of A. H. Chalmers, to be lieutenant-colonel of cavalry (laid on the table on the 2d instant); and

Resolved, That the Senate do advise and consent to his appointment, agreeably to the nomination of the President.

Mr. Burnett submitted the following resolution; which was considered and agreed to:

Resolved, That the President be respectfully requested to inform the Senate why he only gives to aids-de-camp to general officers above the grade of brigadier-general the rank of first lieutenant in his nominations made to the Senate.

On motion by Mr. Baker.

Ordered, That the Committee on Post-Offices and Post-Roads be discharged from the further consideration of the message of the President relative to the removal from office by the Postmaster-General of J. S. Antley, postmaster at Clinton, Hinds County, Miss.

The following message was received from the President of the Confederate States, by Mr. B. N. Harrison, his Secretary:

RICHMOND, VA., March 3, 1865.

To the Senate of the Confederate States:

I have this day received a copy of your resolution of the 1st instant, as follows:

Resolved, That Major-General Stephen D. Lee having been appointed lieutenant-general under the act of February seventeenth, eighteen hundred and sixty-four, and having been relieved from the discharge of the duties in the command to which he was appointed, can not be confirmed by the Senate to the said command, but must now resume his former rank in the service."

In response, I have the honor to request the return of the nomination which was the occasion of the resolution, and to inform you that, before the action of the Senate in the premises was known, I had directed a new nomination of the officer referred to to be made, which should be free from the objection stated.

JEFFERSON DAVIS.

On motion by Mr. Orr,

Ordered, That the aforesaid nomination be returned to the President of the Confederate States in compliance with his request.

The following message was received from the President of the Confederate States, by Mr. B. N. Harrison, his Secretary:

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT, CONFEDERATE STATES OF AMERICA,
Richmond, March 6, 1865.

To the Senate of the Confederate States:

Agreeably to the recommendation of the Secretary of War, I nominate Capt. W. L. Trenholm, of South Carolina, to be lieutenant-colonel Nineteenth South Carolina Battalion Cavalry, in the Provisional Army of the Confederate States of America.

JEFFERSON DAVIS.

No. 243.]

WAR DEPARTMENT, CONFEDERATE STATES OF AMERICA,
Richmond, March 4, 1865.

SIR: I have the honor to recommend the nomination of Capt. W. L. Trenholm, of South Carolina, to be lieutenant-colonel Nineteenth South Carolina Battalion Cavalry, in the Provisional Army of the Confederate States of America (battalion increased to seven companies) (an original vacancy), to rank from February 25, 1865.

I am, sir, respectfully, your obedient servant,

JOHN C. BRECKINRIDGE,
Secretary of War.

To His Excellency JEFFERSON DAVIS,
President, &c.

The message was read.

The Senate proceeded to consider the nomination of Capt. W. L. Trenholm, to be lieutenant-colonel Nineteenth South Carolina Battalion Cavalry; and

Resolved, That the Senate do advise and consent to the appointment, agreeably to the nomination of the President.

The following message was received from the President of the Confederate States, by Mr. B. N. Harrison, his Secretary:

RICHMOND, VA., *March 4, 1865.*

To the Senate of the Confederate States:

Agreeably to the recommendation of the Attorney-General, I hereby nominate James F. McClellan, to be district attorney of the Confederate States for the district of Florida, in place of Chandler C. Yonge, resigned.

JEFFERSON DAVIS.

DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE, CONFEDERATE STATES OF AMERICA,

Richmond, March 2, 1865.

To the PRESIDENT.

SIR: I have the honor to recommend the following nomination: James F. McClellan, to be district attorney of the Confederate States for the district of Florida, in place of Chandler C. Yonge, resigned.

Very respectfully, your obedient servant,

GEO. DAVIS,

Attorney-General.

The message was read.

The Senate proceeded to consider the nomination (contained in the message of the President of the 4th instant) of James F. McClellan, to be district attorney of the Confederate States for the district of Florida; and

Resolved, That the Senate do advise and consent to the appointment, agreeably to the nomination of the President.

The following messages were received from the President of the Confederate States, by Mr. B. N. Harrison, his Secretary:

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT, CONFEDERATE STATES OF AMERICA,

Richmond, March 6, 1865.

To the Senate of the Confederate States:

Agreeably to the recommendation of the Secretary of War, I nominate A. H. Whetstone, of Alabama, to be an assistant quartermaster, with the rank of captain in the Provisional Army of the Confederate States of America.

JEFFERSON DAVIS.

No. 244.]

WAR DEPARTMENT, CONFEDERATE STATES OF AMERICA,

Richmond, March 4, 1865.

SIR: I have the honor to recommend the nomination of A. H. Whetstone, of Alabama, to be an assistant quartermaster, with the rank of captain in the Provisional Army of the Confederate States of America, for duty with the Twenty-fourth Alabama Battalion Cavalry (an original vacancy), to rank from June 15, 1864.

I am, sir, respectfully, your obedient servant,

JOHN C. BRECKINRIDGE,

Secretary of War.

To His Excellency JEFFERSON DAVIS,

President, etc.

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT, CONFEDERATE STATES OF AMERICA,

Richmond, March 4, 1865.

To the Senate of the Confederate States:

Agreeably to the recommendation of the Secretary of War, I nominate the officers on the accompanying list to the grades affixed to their names, respectively.

JEFFERSON DAVIS.

No. 219.]

WAR DEPARTMENT, CONFEDERATE STATES OF AMERICA,

Richmond, February 22, 1865.

SIR: I have the honor to recommend the following nominations for appointment in the Provisional Army of the Confederate States of America:

ENGINEER TROOPS.

Captain.

R. M. Stiles, of Georgia, to be captain Company E, Second Regiment Engineer Troops (an original vacancy), to rank from October 27, 1864.

First lieutenant.

C. A. Alexander, of Georgia, to be first lieutenant Company E, Second Regiment Engineer Troops (an original vacancy), to rank from October 27, 1864.

Second lieutenants.

C. Phillips, of Georgia, to be second lieutenant Company E, Second Regiment Engineer Troops (an original vacancy), to rank from October 27, 1864.

T. L. Harrison, of Georgia, to be second lieutenant Company E, Second Regiment Engineer Troops (an original vacancy), to rank from October 27, 1864.

I am, sir, respectfully, your obedient servant,

JOHN C. BRECKINRIDGE,
Secretary of War.

To His Excellency JEFFERSON DAVIS,
President, &c.

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT, CONFEDERATE STATES OF AMERICA,
Richmond, March 4, 1865.

To the Senate of the Confederate States:

Agreeably to the recommendation of the Secretary of War, I nominate the officers on the accompanying list to the grades affixed to their names, respectively.

JEFFERSON DAVIS.

No. 226.] WAR DEPARTMENT, CONFEDERATE STATES OF AMERICA,
Richmond, February 25, 1865.

SIR: I have the honor to recommend the following nominations for appointment in the Provisional Army of the Confederate States of America:

Assistant quartermasters—captains.

C. L. Bennett, of Tennessee, for duty with Ninth Tennessee Cavalry Regiment (an original vacancy), to rank from January 27, 1865.

Samuel H. Snowden, of Louisiana, for duty as assistant to chief quartermaster Early's division, Army of Northern Virginia, to rank from February 21, 1865.

I am, sir, respectfully, your obedient servant,

JOHN C. BRECKINRIDGE,
Secretary of War.

To His Excellency JEFFERSON DAVIS,
President, &c.

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT, CONFEDERATE STATES OF AMERICA,
Richmond, March 4, 1865.

To the Senate of the Confederate States:

Agreeably to the recommendation of the Secretary of War, I nominate the officers on the accompanying list to the grades affixed to their names, respectively.

JEFFERSON DAVIS.

No. 213.] WAR DEPARTMENT, CONFEDERATE STATES OF AMERICA,
Richmond, February 22, 1865.

SIR: I have the honor to recommend the following nominations for appointment in the Provisional Army of the Confederate States of America:

ARTILLERY OFFICERS, FOR ORDNANCE DUTY.

Captain.

M. H. Houston, of Virginia, to rank from January 7, 1865.

First lieutenants.

John Selden, of District of Columbia, to rank from January 7, 1865.

James S. Heyward, of South Carolina, to rank from January 7, 1865.

Ed. Mazzyck, of South Carolina, to rank from January 7, 1865.

Second lieutenants.

John W. Friend, of Alabama, to rank from January 7, 1865.

W. R. Atkinson, of Georgia, to rank from January 7, 1865.

R. F. Wright, of Georgia, to rank from January 7, 1865.

I am, sir, respectfully, your obedient servant,

JOHN C. BRECKINRIDGE,
Secretary of War.

To His Excellency JEFFERSON DAVIS,
President, &c.

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT, CONFEDERATE STATES OF AMERICA,
Richmond, March 3, 1865.

To the Senate of the Confederate States:

Agreeably to the recommendation of the Secretary of War, I nominate J. T. Hutcheson, of Virginia, to be an assistant commissary, with the rank of captain in the Provisional Army of the Confederate States of America.

JEFFERSON DAVIS.

No. 239.] WAR DEPARTMENT, CONFEDERATE STATES OF AMERICA,
Richmond, March 2, 1865.

SIR: I have the honor to recommend the nomination of J. T. Hutcheson, of Virginia, to be an assistant commissary, with the rank of captain in the Provisional Army of the Confederate States of America, report to Maj. Gen. G. W. C. Lee, as commissary of his division, to rank from February 27, 1865.

I am, sir, respectfully, your obedient servant,

JOHN C. BRECKINRIDGE,
Secretary of War.

To His Excellency JEFFERSON DAVIS,
President, &c.

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT, CONFEDERATE STATES OF AMERICA,
Richmond, March 3, 1865.

To the Senate of the Confederate States:

Agreeably to the recommendation of the Secretary of War, I nominate Henry P. Foster, of South Carolina, to be second lieutenant Company C, Twenty-seventh South Carolina Regiment (for distinguished valor and skill), in the Provisional Army of the Confederate States of America.

JEFFERSON DAVIS.

No. 240.] WAR DEPARTMENT, CONFEDERATE STATES OF AMERICA,
Richmond, March 2, 1865.

SIR: I have the honor to recommend the nomination of Henry P. Foster, of South Carolina, to be second lieutenant Company C, Twenty-seventh South Carolina Regiment, in the Provisional Army of the Confederate States of America (for distinguished valor and skill), vice Lieutenant Campbell, promoted, to rank from February 25, 1865.

I am, sir, respectfully, your obedient servant,

JOHN C. BRECKINRIDGE,
Secretary of War.

To His Excellency JEFFERSON DAVIS,
President, &c.

The messages were severally read.

Ordered, That they be referred to the Committee on Military Affairs.

On motion by Mr. Orr,

The Senate resolved into open legislative session.

TUESDAY, MARCH 7, 1865.

OPEN SESSION.

Mr. Semmes, from the Committee on Finance, to whom was referred the bill (H. R. 390) for the relief of taxpayers in certain cases, reported it with the recommendation that it ought not to pass.

The Senate proceeded, as in Committee of the Whole, to the consideration of the said bill; and

On motion by Mr. Semmes,

Ordered, That it lie upon the table.

Mr. Walker, from the Committee on the Judiciary, to whom was referred the bill (H. R. 402) to make rules concerning captures on land, reported it with amendments.

The Senate proceeded, as in Committee of the Whole, to the consideration of the said bill; and the reported amendments having been agreed to, the bill was reported to the Senate and the amendments were concurred in.

Ordered, That the amendments be engrossed and the bill read a third time.

The said bill as amended was read the third time.

Resolved, That it pass with amendments.

Ordered, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the House of Representatives in the amendments.

Mr. Walker, from the Committee on the Judiciary, to whom was referred the bill (H. R. 342) providing for the auditing and payment of properly authenticated claims, reported it without amendment.

The Senate proceeded, as in Committee of the Whole, to the consideration of the said bill; and having been amended on the motion of Mr. Semmes, it was reported to the Senate and the amendments were concurred in.

Ordered, That the amendments be engrossed and the bill read a third time.

The said bill as amended was read the third time.

On the question,

Shall the bill now pass?

It was determined in the affirmative,	{ Yeas-----	14
	{ Nays-----	0

The vote having been taken by yeas and nays, conformably to the Constitution.

Those who voted in the affirmative are,

Messrs. Baker, Barnwell, Caperton, Graham, Henry, Hunter, Johnson of Georgia, Johnson of Missouri, Maxwell, Oldham, Orr, Semmes, Walker, and Wigfall.

So it was

Resolved, That this bill pass with amendments, two-thirds of the Senators present having voted therefor.

On motion by Mr. Semmes, the title was amended so as to read: "An act providing for the auditing and payment of certain properly authenticated claims."

Ordered, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the House of Representatives in the amendments.

Mr. Baker, from the Committee on Post-Offices and Post-Roads, to whom was referred the joint resolution (H. R. 33) for the relief of postmasters in certain cases, reported it without amendment.

The Senate proceeded, as in Committee of the Whole, to the consideration of the said resolution; and no amendment being proposed, it was reported to the Senate.

Ordered, That it pass to a third reading.

The said resolution was read the third time.

Resolved, That it pass.

Ordered, That the Secretary inform the House of Representatives thereof.

Mr. Baker, from the Committee on Post-Offices and Post-Roads, to whom was referred the bill (H. R. 405) to establish certain post routes therein named, reported it without amendment.

On motion of Mr. Maxwell,

Ordered, That the Committee on Patents be discharged from the further consideration of the annual report of the Commissioner of Patents.

Mr. Orr, from the committee of conference on the part of the Senate on the disagreeing votes of the two Houses on the bill (S. 166) to amend an act entitled "An act to provide and organize a general staff for armies in the field, to serve during the war," approved June 14, 1864, reported

That they have met, in free conference, and have agreed to recommend and do hereby recommend to their respective Houses as follows:

That the Senate recede from its disagreement to the amendment of the House, and agree to the same with the following amendments: In line 2, strike out "four" and insert "three," and at the end of the section add "*Provided*, That the pay of aide-de-camp of the rank of first lieutenant of cavalry shall be the same as now allowed by law."

The Senate proceeded to consider the said report; and

Resolved, That they concur therein.

Ordered, That the Secretary inform the House of Representatives thereof.

Mr. Henry, from the Committee on Military Affairs, reported

A bill (S. 221) for the relief of maimed soldiers; which was read the first and second times and considered as in Committee of the Whole; and no amendment being proposed, it was reported to the Senate.

Ordered, That it be engrossed and read a third time.

The said bill was read the third time.

Resolved, That it pass and that the title thereof be as aforesaid.

Ordered, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the House of Representatives therein.

Mr. Semmes, from the Committee on Finance, to whom was referred the bill (H. R. 394) to authorize the President to appoint a commissioner to take proof as to expenditures made by the State of Tennessee for the benefit of the Confederacy previous to the transfer of her troops to the Confederate Government, reported it without amendment.

A message from the House of Representatives, by Mr. Dalton:

Mr. President: The House of Representatives have passed bills of the following titles; in which they request the concurrence of the Senate:

H. R. 307. An act authorizing the Secretary of the Treasury to borrow specie, to be applied to the redemption and reduction of the currency;

H. R. 385. An act making additional appropriations for the support of the Government of the Confederate States of America from January 1 to June 30, 1865;

H. R. 414. An act making an additional appropriation for the redemption of a temporary loan, made in the year 1861, of sundry banks in the Confederate States, to supply funds to the Treasury;

H. R. 415. An act making an appropriation to supply a deficiency in the War Department during the fiscal period ending December 31, 1864; and

H. R. 416. An act to increase the compensation of tax collectors and assessors in the cities of Richmond and Petersburg.

And they have passed the bill of the Senate (S. 220) to increase the salary of the assistant treasurer at Charleston, S. C.

The House of Representatives have agreed to the report of the committee of conference on the disagreeing votes of the two Houses on the bill (H. R. 379) to levy additional taxes for the year 1865, for the support of the Government.

The President of the Confederate States has notified the House of Representatives that on the 28th ultimo he approved and signed the following acts and joint resolution:

H. R. 373. An act to provide for the more efficient transportation of troops, supplies, and munitions of war upon the railroads, steamboats, and canals in the Confederate States, and to control telegraph lines employed by Government;

H. R. 375. An act authorizing proof to be received of the loss or destruction of vouchers necessary in the settlement of accounts; and

H. R. 27. Joint resolution for the relief of the legal representatives of John R. Cardwell.

That on the 1st instant he approved and signed the following acts:

H. R. 325. An act to make appropriations for the support of the Government of the Confederate States of America from the 1st day of January to the 30th day of June, 1865;

H. R. 377. An act to establish an arsenal and foundry in the valley of Deep River, in the State of North Carolina; and

H. R. 382. An act to amend the fourteenth section of an act entitled "An act to reduce the currency and to authorize a new issue of notes and bonds."

And that on the 3d instant he approved and signed the following acts:

H. R. 348. An act to increase the compensation of marshals, criers, jurors, and witnesses;

H. R. 371. An act to relieve agriculturists exempted and detailed under the act of February 17, 1864, in certain cases;

H. R. 381. An act to provide for the redemption of the old issue of Treasury notes held by certain Indian tribes; and

H. R. 383. An act to require noncommissioned officers and privates, held as prisoners of war, to be paid upon their individual certificates, supported by oath.

Mr. Orr, from the committee of conference on the part of the Senate on the disagreeing votes of the two Houses on the bill (H. R. 350) to diminish the number of exemptions and details, reported

That they have met, and, after full and free conference, have agreed to recommend and do recommend to their respective Houses as follows:

That the House recede from its disagreement to the first, third, fourth, and fifth amendments of the Senate, and agree to the same.

That the House recede from its disagreement to the second amendment of the Senate, and agree to the same with an amendment, to wit: After "laborers" insert "employed in the Niter and Mining Bureau in localities where slave labor can not with safety be employed."

That the House recede from its disagreement to the sixth amendment of the Senate, and agree to the same with the following amendment, to wit: Strike out all the amendment after the word "employed," in lines 4 and 5, and that the Senate agree to the same as amended.

The Senate proceeded to consider the said report; and

Resolved, That they concur therein.

Ordered, That the Secretary inform the House of Representatives thereof.

Mr. Semmes, from the committee of conference on the part of the Senate on the disagreeing votes of the two Houses on the bill (H. R. 379) to levy additional taxes for the year 1865, for the support of the Government, reported

That they have met the managers on the part of the House of Representatives, and, after full and free conference, have agreed to recommend and do recommend to their respective Houses as follows:

That the House of Representatives do recede from their disagreement to the amendment of the Senate, and agree thereto with the following amendment, to wit:

Strike out all after "That," section 1, line 1, and insert as follows: "in addition to the taxes levied by the act approved February seventeenth, eighteen hundred and sixty-four, entitled 'An act to amend an act entitled "An act to lay taxes for the common defense and carry on the Government of the Confederate States," approved twenty-fourth April, eighteen hundred and sixty-three,' there shall be levied for the year

eighteen hundred and sixty-five, on the subjects of taxation hereinafter mentioned, and collected from every person, copartnership, association, or corporation liable therefor, taxes as follows, to wit:

"I. Upon the value of all property, real, personal, or mixed, of every kind and description, not hereinafter exempted, or taxed at a different rate, eight per cent. The value of the property taxed under this section shall be assessed on the basis of the market value of the same or similar property in the neighborhood where assessed in the year eighteen hundred and sixty; and it is hereby declared that all the property and assets of corporations, associations, or joint stock companies, whether incorporated or not, shall be assessed and taxed in the same manner and to the same extent as the property and assets of individuals. The tax on such property and assets to be assessed against and paid by such corporations, associations, or joint stock companies: *Provided*, That no bank or banking company shall be liable to pay a tax on deposits of money to the credit of and subject to the checks of others: *And provided further*, That the stock or shares representing property or assets in corporations, associations, or joint stock companies shall not be assessed or taxed as property under this act, but the dividends derived therefrom shall be subject to be taxed as income under existing laws.

"II. Upon the amount of all gold or silver coin, and upon the amount of all moneys held abroad, or bills of exchange drawn therefor, promissory notes, rights, credits, and securities, payable in foreign countries, and upon the value of all gold dust or gold and silver bullion, valued in specie, twenty per cent; and upon the value of gold and silver wares, plate, jewels, jewelry, and watches, valued on the basis of the value of such property in the year eighteen hundred and sixty, ten per cent.

"III. Upon the amount of all moneys, except those mentioned in paragraph two, bank bills, Treasury notes, and other paper issued as currency, on hand or on deposit, on the day of the approval of this act, five per cent.

"IV. Upon the amount of all solvent credits, except those mentioned in paragraph two, five per cent: *Provided*, That all the bonds and stocks issued by the Confederate States, or by any State, and all loans to the Government of the Confederate States, shall be exempt from taxation, except as to the interest payable thereon, which shall be taxed as income under existing laws: *Provided further*, That the interest on the bonds, stocks, or obligations of the Confederate States, or of any State, shall not be taxed as income in cases where the acts under which they were issued contain a stipulation that the interest thereon shall be exempt from taxation.

"V. Upon profits made by buying and selling merchandise, effects, or property of any description, or money, gold, silver, stocks, credits, or obligations of any kind, at any time between January first, eighteen hundred and sixty-five, and January first, eighteen hundred and sixty-six, ten per cent in addition to the tax on such profits as income; said profits to be ascertained by the difference between the price paid in Confederate Treasury notes, including all costs and charges, and the price realized in the same currency: *Provided*, That if the objects of sale were purchased at any time since January first, eighteen hundred and sixty-three, this additional tax shall attach on the profits realized on the sale thereof during the year eighteen hundred and sixty-five.

"VI. Upon the amount of profits exceeding twenty-five per cent made during the year eighteen hundred and sixty-five by any bank or banking company, insurance, canal, navigation, importing or exporting, telegraph, express, railroad, manufacturing, mining, dry dock, or other joint stock company of any description, whether incorporated or not, twenty-five per cent: *Provided*, That this tax shall apply to individuals and partnerships engaged in trade, or in any business or employment enumerated in this paragraph, as well as to corporations or joint stock companies: *Provided further*, That individuals and partnerships who have not been assessed, or have not paid, for the year eighteen hundred and sixty-four, the tax of twenty-five per cent imposed on the excess of profits over twenty-five per cent for that year, shall be assessed and required to pay during the year eighteen hundred and sixty-five twenty-five per cent on the excess of profits over twenty-five per cent realized during the year eighteen hundred and sixty-four.

"SEC. 2. The property, the income and moneys, of hospitals, asylums, churches, schools, colleges, and charitable institutions shall be exempt from taxation under the provisions of this act or any other law. All property within the lines of the enemy shall be exempt from taxation so long as it remains within such lines; but any income derived therefrom shall be taxed as income under existing laws. The exemptions enumerated in paragraphs one, two, and three of section five of the act entitled 'An act to levy additional taxes for the common defense and support of the Government,' approved seventeenth February, eighteen hundred and sixty-four, are hereby

reenacted. Household furniture, where the value does not exceed three hundred dollars on the basis of the value thereof in the year eighteen hundred and sixty; wearing apparel, goods manufactured by any person for the use and consumption of his family, including slaves; poultry, fruit, and the products of gardens, when said poultry, fruit, and products are raised for the family of the producer and not for sale; corn, bacon, and other agricultural products which were produced in the year eighteen hundred and sixty-four, and necessary for the taxpayer's family, including slaves, during the present year, and in his possession on the day of the approval of this act, shall be exempt from taxation.

"Sec. 3. That the taxes on property for the year eighteen hundred and sixty-five imposed by this act shall be assessed as on the day of the approval of this act, and be due and collected on the first day of June next, or as soon thereafter as practicable. The additional taxes on profits for the year eighteen hundred and sixty-five shall be assessed and collected according to the provisions of existing laws in regard to the assessment and collection of taxes on incomes; and all the taxes imposed by this act, as well as the taxes on incomes and profits, and the specific taxes and taxes on sales, shall be payable in Confederate Treasury notes of the new issue, or in the certificates of indebtedness authorized by an act entitled "An act to reduce the currency and to authorize a new issue of notes and bonds," approved February seventeenth, eighteen hundred and sixty-four, at par without any allowance for interest: *Provided*, That at least one-half of said taxes shall be paid in Treasury notes as aforesaid: *And provided further*, That the tax for the increased pay of soldiers shall be paid in Confederate Treasury notes of the new issue only. And it is hereby enacted that the certificates of indebtedness authorized by the said act of February seventeenth, eighteen hundred and sixty-four, may be issued for debts contracted prior to the passage of said act, and the agent of the Treasury for the Trans-Mississippi Department be, and he is hereby, authorized to issue, under regulations to be prescribed by the Secretary of the Treasury, certificates of indebtedness provided for in said act of February seventeenth, eighteen hundred and sixty-four, for debts contracted prior or subsequent to the passage of said act in the Trans-Mississippi Department, and that all the certificates above mentioned shall be received in payment of said taxes in like manner and to the same extent as the certificates originally authorized by the said act of seventeenth February, eighteen hundred and sixty-four, subject to the provisos above mentioned.

"Sec. 4. That upon all the subjects of taxation mentioned in this act and the act approved seventeenth February, eighteen hundred and sixty-four, entitled "An act to amend an act entitled "An act to lay taxes for the common defense and carry on the Government of the Confederate States," approved twenty-fourth April, eighteen hundred and sixty-three," there shall be levied and assessed for the year eighteen hundred and sixty-five an additional tax in money, equal to one-eighth of the amount of the tax on the same subjects imposed for the year eighteen hundred and sixty-five by this act and the said act of seventeenth February, eighteen hundred and sixty-four; which tax shall be payable in Confederate Treasury notes of the new issue only, and shall be assessed and collected at the same time with the other taxes; and the money arising therefrom shall be first appropriated to the payment of the increased compensation of the soldiers of the Army: *Provided*, That this additional tax shall not be construed to apply to or to increase the tax in kind.

"Sec. 5. Any taxpayer, under regulations to be prescribed by the Secretary of the Treasury, shall be allowed to pay into the Treasury, in advance, such sum or sums as he may choose on account of taxes to accrue against him, and to obtain therefor an unassignable certificate of such payment.

"Sec. 6. Congress having intended by the act of seventeenth February, eighteen hundred and sixty-four, entitled "An act to levy additional taxes for the common defense and support of the Government," as amended by the act of fourteenth June, eighteen hundred and sixty-four, to impose said additional taxes for the year eighteen hundred and sixty-four only, the said act of seventeenth February, eighteen hundred and sixty-four, as amended, in so far as it can be construed to operate otherwise than as thus intended, shall be, and the same is hereby, repealed, and all the taxes imposed by this act shall be paid without any discount or credit for the value of the tax in kind, or the income tax, and all the taxes on incomes and profits under existing laws shall be paid without any credit or deduction of the ad valorem tax.

"Sec. 7. That when property, real or personal, has been injured or destroyed by the enemy, or the owner thereof has been temporarily deprived of the use thereof, or, in the case of real estate, of the means of cultivating the same, by reason of the possession or proximity of the enemy, the assessment on such property may be reduced in proportion to the damage sustained by the owner, or the tax assessed thereon may be reduced in the same ratio by the district collector on satisfactory evidence submitted to him by the owner or assessor.

"SEC. 8. That the Secretary of the Treasury, on the recommendation of the boards of police, county courts, or such other county, district, or parish tribunal as may be prescribed by the State collectors, respectively, transmitted through said collectors, is hereby authorized to suspend the collection of taxes now due or imposed by this or any other or future act in those districts where depredations have been committed by the enemy, in cases of individuals in such districts where in his judgment the resources of the taxpayer asking such suspension have been so seriously damaged or destroyed as to render the payment of taxes impossible or excessively oppressive; such suspension to be revokable at the pleasure of the Secretary of the Treasury,"

The Senate proceeded to consider the said report; and

On the question to concur therein,

It was determined in the affirmative,	{ Yeas-----	12
	{ Nays-----	3

On motion by Mr. Oldham,

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present,

Those who voted in the affirmative are,

Messrs. Baker, Barnwell, Burnett, Caperton, Graham, Hunter, Johnson of Georgia, Maxwell, Orr, Semmes, Walker, and Wigfall.

Those who voted in the negative are,

Messrs. Henry, Johnson of Missouri, and Oldham.

So it was

Resolved, That the Senate concur in the said report.

Ordered, That the Secretary inform the House of Representatives thereof.

A message from the President of the Confederate States, by Mr. B. N. Harrison, his Secretary:

Mr. President: The President of the Confederate States, on the 4th instant, approved and signed the following acts and joint resolution:

S. 106. An act to modify and amend an act to regulate the destruction of property, under military necessity, and to provide for the indemnity thereof, approved March 17, 1862;

S. 137. An act to establish the flag of the Confederate States;

S. 160. An act to allow missionaries in the Army rations;

S. 193. An act to increase the pay of assistant paymasters in the Provisional Navy;

S. 195. An act to authorize the Secretary of War to negotiate with the governors of the several States for slave labor;

S. 197. An act declaring certain persons liable to duty in the reserve forces of the respective States;

S. 208. An act to provide for returned prisoners of war;

S. 209. An act to continue in force and extend an act entitled "An act to increase the compensation of the noncommissioned officers and privates of the Army of the Confederate States," approved June 9, 1864; and

S. 32. Joint resolution construing the act of May 31, 1864, to provide for the appointment of a disbursing clerk in the War Department.

Ordered, That the Secretary inform the House of Representatives thereof.

The following message was received from the President of the Confederate States, by Mr. B. N. Harrison, his Secretary:

RICHMOND, VA., March 4, 1865.

To the Senate of the Confederate States:

I have this day approved and signed an act which originated in the Senate, entitled "An act (S. 117) to authorize the commanders of the reserves in each State to order general courts-martial and to revise the proceedings of courts-martial and military courts."

In the first section the general commanding reserves in each State is authorized to order general courts-martial for the trial of offenses committed against the military code by persons belonging to his command and to revise the proceedings.

In the second section military courts are authorized, under certain circumstances, to try offenses committed by members of the organizations of reserves. But no provision is made by which the general commanding reserves is authorized to revise the

proceedings of military courts in any case. From the title of the act it seems to have been the intention to confer this power, and I thought it proper to invite your attention to what seems to be an oversight in not granting it.

A copy of the act is inclosed.

JEFFERSON DAVIS.

The message was read.

Ordered, That it be referred to the Committee on Military Affairs, and that the Secretary inform the House of Representatives of the approval by the President of the said act.

The following message was received from the President of the Confederate States, by Mr. B. N. Harrison, his Secretary:

RICHMOND, VA., March 4, 1865.

To the Senate of the Confederate States:

In response to your resolution of the 21st ultimo, I herewith transmit for your information a communication from the Secretary of War, covering copy of Gen. John B. Hood's report of the operations of the Army of Tennessee while under his command.

JEFFERSON DAVIS.

The message was read.

Ordered, That it be referred to the Committee on Military Affairs.

The Senate resumed, as in Committee of the Whole, the consideration of the bill (H. R. 367) to increase the military force of the Confederate States; and

After debate,

On motion by Mr. Oldham,

The Senate resolved into executive session.

The doors having been opened,

On motion by Mr. Oldham,

Ordered, That the Senate take a recess until half past 7 o'clock p. m.

HALF PAST 7 O'CLOCK P. M.

The bills (H. R. 307, 385, 414, 415, and 416) received this day from the House of Representatives for concurrence were severally read the first and second times and referred to the Committee on Finance.

The Senate proceeded, as in Committee of the Whole, to the consideration of the bill (H. R. 394) to authorize the President to appoint a commissioner to take proof as to expenditures made by the State of Tennessee for the benefit of the Confederacy previous to the transfer of her troops to the Confederate Government; and no amendment being proposed, it was reported to the Senate.

Ordered, That it pass to a third reading.

The said bill was read the third time.

Resolved, That it pass.

Ordered, That the Secretary inform the House of Representatives thereof.

The Senate resumed, as in Committee of the Whole, the consideration of the bill (H. R. 367) to increase the military force of the Confederate States; and

After debate,

On motion by Mr. Simms,

The Senate adjourned.

EXECUTIVE SESSION.

The following messages were received from the President of the Confederate States, by Mr. B. N. Harrison, his Secretary:

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT, CONFEDERATE STATES OF AMERICA,
Richmond, March 7, 1865.

To the Senate of the Confederate States:

Agreeably to the recommendation of the Secretary of War, I nominate A. D. Warwick, of Virginia, to be second lieutenant Company E, Thirtieth Virginia Battalion Sharpshooters, in the Provisional Army of the Confederate States of America.

JEFFERSON DAVIS.

No. 249.] WAR DEPARTMENT, CONFEDERATE STATES OF AMERICA,
Richmond, March 6, 1865.

SIR: I have the honor to recommend the nomination of A. D. Warwick, of Virginia, to be second lieutenant Company E, Virginia Battalion Sharpshooters, in the Provisional Army of the Confederate States of America, vice Lieutenant Adams, retired, to rank from March 4, 1865.

I am, sir, respectfully, your obedient servant,

JOHN C. BRECKINRIDGE,
Secretary of War.

To His Excellency JEFFERSON DAVIS,
President, etc.

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT, CONFEDERATE STATES OF AMERICA,
Richmond, March 7, 1865.

To the Senate of the Confederate States:

Agreeably to the recommendation of the Secretary of War, I nominate the officers on the accompanying list to the grades affixed to their names, respectively.

JEFFERSON DAVIS.

No. 247.] WAR DEPARTMENT, CONFEDERATE STATES OF AMERICA,
Richmond, March 6, 1865.

SIR: I have the honor to recommend the following nominations for promotion in the Provisional Army of the Confederate States of America:

Quartermasters—majors.

Capt. A. J. Allensworth, of ———, to be major, for duty with McComb's brigade, Army of Northern Virginia (an original vacancy), to rank from March 2, 1865.

Capt. W. C. Marrow, of Virginia, to be major, for duty with Conner's brigade, Army of Northern Virginia (an original vacancy), to rank from March 2, 1865.

I am, sir, respectfully, your obedient servant,

JOHN C. BRECKINRIDGE,
Secretary of War.

To His Excellency JEFFERSON DAVIS,
President, etc.

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT, CONFEDERATE STATES OF AMERICA,
Richmond, March 7, 1865.

To the Senate of the Confederate States:

Agreeably to the recommendation of the Secretary of War, I nominate the officers on the accompanying list to the grades affixed to their names, respectively.

JEFFERSON DAVIS.

No. 248.] WAR DEPARTMENT, CONFEDERATE STATES OF AMERICA,
Richmond, March 6, 1865.

SIR: I have the honor to recommend the following nominations for appointment in the Provisional Army of the Confederate States of America:

Captains of artillery, for ordnance duty.

John M. Rose, of Arkansas, to be captain of artillery (an original vacancy), to rank from March 2, 1865.

N. B. Trist, of Louisiana, to be captain of artillery (an original vacancy), to rank from March 2, 1865.

I am, sir, respectfully, your obedient servant,

JOHN C. BRECKINRIDGE,
Secretary of War.

To His Excellency JEFFERSON DAVIS,
President, &c.

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT, CONFEDERATE STATES OF AMERICA,
Richmond, March 7, 1865.

To the Senate of the Confederate States:

Agreeably to the recommendation of the Secretary of War, I nominate the officers on the accompanying list to the grades affixed to their names, respectively.

JEFFERSON DAVIS.

No. 246.] WAR DEPARTMENT, CONFEDERATE STATES OF AMERICA,
Richmond, March 6, 1865.

SIR: I have the honor to recommend the following nominations for promotion in the Provisional Army of the Confederate States of America:

Captains.

First Lieut. R. H. Atkinson, of Georgia, to be captain, First Georgia Regiment (enlisted men), vice Captain Conner, killed, to rank from February 20, 1864.

First Lieut. F. M. Myers, of Georgia, to be captain, First Georgia Regiment (enlisted men), vice Captain Kenan, retired, to rank from July 18, 1864.

First Lieut. Tho. Burdell, of Georgia, to be captain, First Georgia Regiment (enlisted men), vice Captain Montgomery, retired, to rank from August 25, 1864.

First Lieut. Charles S. Wylly, of Georgia, to be captain, First Georgia Regiment (enlisted men), vice Captain Grieve, promoted, to rank from September 3, 1864.

First Lieut. B. H. Hudson, of Georgia, to be captain, First Georgia Regiment (enlisted men), vice Captain Hill, promoted, to rank from September 3, 1864.

First Lieut. J. R. Du Bose, of Georgia, to be captain, First Georgia Regiment (enlisted men), vice Captain Howard, appointed captain engineers, to rank from October 15, 1864.

First Lieut. J. D. Anthony, of Georgia, to be captain, First Georgia Regiment (enlisted men), vice Captain Bowdre, retired, to rank from November 2, 1864.

First lieutenants.

Second Lieut. R. J. Magill, of Georgia, to be first lieutenant, [First] Georgia Regiment (enlisted men), vice Lieutenant Blance, resigned, to rank from January 16, 1864.

Second Lieut. Pearce Horne, of Georgia, to be first lieutenant, First Georgia Regiment (enlisted men), vice Lieutenant Atkinson, promoted, to rank from February 20, 1864.

Second Lieut. F. B. Palmer, of Georgia, to be first lieutenant, First Georgia Regiment (enlisted men), vice Lieutenant Cass, died, to rank from June 28, 1864.

Second Lieut. A. H. Rutherford, of Georgia, to be first lieutenant, First Georgia Regiment (enlisted men), vice Lieutenant Myers, promoted, to rank from July 18, 1864.

Second Lieut. M. De Graffenried, of Georgia, to be first lieutenant, First Georgia Regiment (enlisted men), vice Lieutenant Burdell, promoted, to rank from August 25, 1864.

Second Lieut. W. B. Griffin, of Georgia, to be first lieutenant, First Georgia Regiment (enlisted men), vice Lieutenant Wylly, promoted, to rank from September 3, 1864.

Second Lieut. S. C. De Pass, of Georgia, to be first lieutenant, First Georgia Regiment (enlisted men), vice Lieutenant Hudson, promoted, to rank from September 3, 1864.

Second Lieut. L. C. Berrien, of Georgia, to be first lieutenant, First Georgia Regiment (enlisted men), vice Lieutenant Du Bose, promoted, to rank from October 15, 1864.

Second Lieut. John P. Fort, of Georgia, to be first lieutenant, First Georgia Regiment (enlisted men), vice Anthony, promoted, to rank from November 2, 1864.

I am, sir, respectfully, your obedient servant,

JOHN C. BRECKINRIDGE,
Secretary of War.

To His Excellency JEFFERSON DAVIS,
President, &c.

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT, CONFEDERATE STATES OF AMERICA,

*Richmond, March 7, 1865.**To the Senate of the Confederate States:*

Agreeably to the recommendation of the Secretary of War, I nominate F. L. Thompson, of Mississippi, to be captain Company D, Thirty-sixth Mississippi Regiment, in the Provisional Army of the Confederate States of America.

JEFFERSON DAVIS.

No. 250.]

WAR DEPARTMENT, CONFEDERATE STATES OF AMERICA,

Richmond, March 7, 1865.

SIR: I have the honor to recommend the nomination of F. L. Thompson, of Mississippi, to be captain Company D, Thirty-sixth Mississippi Regiment, in the Provisional Army of the Confederate States of America, vice Captain Tatom, killed (the officers entitled to promotion waiving claims), to rank from January 18, 1865.

I am, sir, respectfully, your obedient servant,

JOHN C. BRECKINRIDGE,

Secretary of War.

To His Excellency JEFFERSON DAVIS,

President, etc.

The messages were read.

Ordered, That they be referred to the Committee on Military Affairs.

On motion by Mr. Orr,

The Senate resolved into open legislative session.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 8, 1865.

OPEN SESSION.

A message from the House of Representatives, by Mr. Dalton:

Mr. President: The House of Representatives have agreed to the amendments of the Senate to bills of the following titles:

H. R. 258. An act to amend the act of February 7, 1863, so as to allow commutation to soldiers for the war who have received no furlough; and

H. R. 406. An act to amend the acts to regulate the assessment and collection of taxes in kind.

The House of Representatives have passed the bill of the Senate (S. 219) to regulate the payment of clerks employed at the post-office in the city of Richmond, with amendments; in which they request the concurrence of the Senate.

The House of Representatives have agreed to the report of the committee of conference on the disagreeing votes of the two Houses on the bill (S. 166) to amend an act entitled "An act to provide and organize a general staff for armies in the field, to serve during the war," approved June 14, 1864.

The President of the Confederate States has notified the House of Representatives that on the 4th instant he approved and signed an act (H. R. 319) more effectually to prevent and punish absenteeism and desertion in the Army.

Mr. Semmes, from the Committee on Finance, to whom were referred the following bills:

H. R. 385. An act making additional appropriations for the support of the Government of the Confederate States of America from January 1 to June 30, 1865;

H. R. 387. An act to amend an act entitled "An act to establish and organize two bureaus in connection with the agency of the Treasury," etc., approved February 17, 1864, and to provide for the more efficient organization of the agency of the Treasury for the Trans-Mississippi Department;

H. R. 401. An act to amend and extend the provisions of an act entitled "An act fixing the salaries of certain civil officers in the Trans-Mississippi Department," approved February 18, 1865;

H. R. 414. An act making an additional appropriation for the redemption of a temporary loan, made in the year 1861, of sundry banks in the Confederate States, to supply funds to the Treasury;

H. R. 415. An act making an appropriation to supply a deficiency in the War Department during the fiscal period ending December 31, 1864; and

H. R. 416. An act to increase the compensation of tax collectors and assessors in the cities of Richmond and Petersburg; reported them severally, without amendment.

The Senate proceeded, as in Committee of the Whole, to the consideration of the said bills; and no amendment being proposed, they were severally reported to the Senate.

Ordered, That they pass to a third reading.

The said bills were severally read the third time.

Resolved, That they pass.

Ordered, That the Secretary inform the House of Representatives thereof.

Mr. Semmes, from the Committee on Finance, to whom was referred the bill (H. R. 307) authorizing the Secretary of the Treasury to borrow specie, to be applied to the redemption and reduction of the currency, reported it with an amendment.

The Senate proceeded, as in Committee of the Whole, to the consideration of the said bill; and the reported amendment having been agreed to, the bill was reported to the Senate and the amendment was concurred in.

Ordered, That the amendment be engrossed and the bill read a third time.

The said bill as amended was read the third time.

Resolved, That it pass with an amendment.

Ordered, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the House of Representatives in the amendment.

Mr. Semmes, from the Committee on Finance, to whom was referred the bill (H. R. 230) to amend an act to provide revenue from commodities imported from foreign countries, approved May 21, 1861, reported it with the recommendation that it ought not to pass.

The Senate proceeded, as in Committee of the Whole, to the consideration of the said bill; and

On motion by Mr. Semmes,

Ordered, That it lie upon the table.

On motion by Mr. Maxwell,

The Senate resumed the consideration of the resolution of the House of Representatives fixing a day for the adjournment of the present session of Congress.

On motion by Mr. Walker, to amend the resolution by inserting after "Houses," the words "sine die,"

It was determined in the affirmative.

On motion by Mr. Semmes, to amend the resolution by striking out the words "Wednesday next, the eighth instant, at twelve o'clock meridian," and inserting the words "Saturday, the eleventh instant, at two o'clock postmeridian,"

It was determined in the affirmative.

No further amendment being made,

On the question,

Shall the resolution now pass?

It was determined in the affirmative.	(Yeas	10
	(Nays	8

On motion by Mr. Burnett,

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present, Those who voted in the affirmative are,

Messrs. Barnwell, Brown, Graham, Johnson of Georgia, Maxwell, Oldham, Orr, Semmes, Walker, and Watson.

Those who voted in the negative are,

Messrs. Burnett, Caperton, Henry, Hunter, Johnson of Missouri, Simms, Vest, and Wigfall.

So it was

Resolved, That this resolution pass with amendments.

Ordered, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the House of Representatives in the amendments.

Mr. Henry, from the Committee on Military Affairs, to whom was referred the message of the President of the Confederate States on the subject, reported

A bill (S. 222) supplemental to an act approved on the 4th day of March, 1865, entitled "An act to authorize the commanders of the reserves in each State to order general courts-martial and to revise the proceedings of courts-martial and military courts;"

which was read the first and second times and considered as in Committee of the Whole; and no amendment being proposed, it was reported to the Senate.

Ordered, That it be engrossed and read a third time.

The said bill was read the third time.

Resolved, That it pass, and that the title thereof be as aforesaid.

Ordered, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the House of Representatives therein.

Mr. Burnett, from the Committee on Military Affairs, to whom was referred the bill (H. R. 323) to provide payment for horses killed or lost in the service of the Confederate States; reported it without amendment.

The Senate proceeded, as in Committee of the Whole, to the consideration of the said bill; and no amendment being proposed, it was reported to the Senate.

Ordered, That it pass to a third reading.

The said bill was read the third time.

On the question,

Shall the bill now pass?

It was determined in the affirmative,	{ Yeas-----	9
	{ Nays-----	8

On motion by Mr. Barnwell,

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present, Those who voted in the affirmative are,

Messrs. Brown, Burnett, Caperton, Johnson of Missouri, Maxwell, Oldham, Simms, Vest, and Wigfall.

Those who voted in the negative are,

Messrs. Barnwell, Graham, Henry, Hunter, Johnson of Georgia, Orr, Semmes, and Watson.

So it was

Resolved, That this bill pass.

Ordered, That the Secretary inform the House of Representatives thereof.

Mr. Caperton, from the committee, reported that they had examined and found truly enrolled bills of the following titles:

S. 180. An act to amend an act entitled "An act to prevent the pro-

curing, aiding, and assisting persons to desert from the Army of the Confederate States, and for other purposes," approved January 22, 1864;

S. 191. An act to abolish the office of all officers engaged in discharging the duties of provost-marshals, except within the lines of an army in the field;

H. R. 266. An act to amend post route No. 1649, in the State of Georgia;

H. R. 320. An act to change the mode of filling vacancies among commissioned officers of companies, battalions, and regiments;

H. R. 395. An act to regulate the compensation of the State collector of Virginia;

H. R. 397. An act to provide for the payment of the amounts due certain officers and privates who are prisoners of war; and

H. R. 398. An act making an appropriation for the purchase of a percussion-cap pressing machine.

The President pro tempore having signed the enrolled bills last reported to have been examined, they were delivered to the Secretary of the Senate and by him forthwith presented to the President of the Confederate States for his approval.

Mr. Brown (by leave) introduced

A joint resolution (S. 36) explanatory of an act approved June 14, 1864, to increase the pay of the clerks and employees of the various Departments located in the city of Richmond;

which was read the first and second times and referred to the Committee on Finance.

The Senate proceeded to consider the amendments of the House of Representatives to the bill (S. 219) to regulate the payment of clerks employed at the post-office in the city of Richmond; and

Resolved, That they concur therein.

Ordered, That the Secretary inform the House of Representatives thereof.

The Senate resumed, as in Committee of the Whole, the consideration of the bill (H. R. 367) to increase the military force of the Confederate States.

On motion by Mr. Caperton, to amend the bill by inserting at the end of the fourth section the following proviso:

Provided, That not more than twenty-five per cent of the male slaves between the ages of eighteen and forty-five, in any State, shall be called for under the provisions of this act,

It was determined in the affirmative.

No further amendment being proposed, the bill was reported to the Senate and the amendment was concurred in.

Ordered, That the amendment be engrossed and the bill read a third time.

The said bill as amended was read the third time.

On the question,

Shall the bill now pass?

It was determined in the affirmative,	{ Yeas-----	9
	{ Nays-----	8

On motion by Mr. Orr,

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present, Those who voted in the affirmative are,

Messrs. Brown, Burnett, Caperton, Henry, Hunter, Oldham, Semmes, Simms, and Watson.

Those who voted in the negative are,

Messrs. Barnwell, Graham, Johnson of Georgia, Johnson of Missouri, Maxwell, Orr, Vest, and Wigfall.

So it was

Resolved, That this bill pass with an amendment.

Ordered, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the House of Representatives in the amendment.

On motion by Mr. Graham,

The Senate resolved into secret legislative session.

The doors having been opened,

Mr. Caperton (by leave) introduced

A bill (S. 223) for the relief of the Exchange Bank of Virginia; which was read the first and second times and referred to the Committee on Finance.

On motion by Mr. Burnett, the vote on passing the bill (H. R. 323) to provide payment for horses killed or lost in the service of the Confederate States was reconsidered.

On motion of Mr. Burnett, the vote on ordering the bill to its third reading was also reconsidered.

The Senate resumed, as in Committee of the Whole, the consideration of the said bill; and

On motion of Mr. Burnett,

Ordered, That it be recommitted to the Committee on Military Affairs.

Mr. Walker, from the Committee on the Judiciary, to whom was referred the joint resolution (H. R. 22) in regard to the Cotton Bureau in the Trans-Mississippi Department, reported it with an amendment.

The Senate proceeded, as in Committee of the Whole, to the consideration of the said resolution; and the reported amendment having been agreed to, the resolution was reported to the Senate and the amendment was concurred in.

Ordered, That the amendment be engrossed and the resolution read a third time.

The said resolution as amended was read the third time.

Resolved, That it pass with an amendment.

On motion by Mr. Walker, the title was amended so as to read: "Joint resolution in regard to the Cotton Bureau and cotton transactions in the Trans-Mississippi Department."

Ordered, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the House of Representatives in the amendments.

On motion by Mr. Semmes,

The Senate resumed, as in Committee of the Whole, the consideration of the bill (H. R. 390) for the relief of taxpayers in certain cases; and having been amended on the motion of Mr. Semmes, it was reported to the Senate and the amendment was concurred in.

Ordered, That the amendment be engrossed and the bill read a third time.

The said bill as amended was read the third time.

Resolved, That it pass with an amendment.

Ordered, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the House of Representatives in the amendment.

On motion by Mr. Burnett,

The vote having been taken by yeas and nays, conformably to the Constitution,

Those who voted in the affirmative are,

Messrs. Barnwell, Brown, Burnett, Graham, Henry, Hunter, Johnson of Georgia, Johnson of Missouri, Oldham, Orr, Semmes, Vest, Walker, Watson, and Wigfall.

So it was

Resolved, That this bill pass, two-thirds of the Senators present having voted therefor, and that the title thereof be as aforesaid.

Ordered, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the House of Representatives therein.

On motion by Mr. Semmes,

Ordered, That the Committee on Finance be discharged from the further consideration of the bill (S. 212) to regulate the compensation of the State collector of Virginia, and the joint resolution (S. 34) in reference to the salaries of the auditors of the Treasury and other heads of bureaus in the civil departments of the Government at Richmond.

On motion by Mr. Graham,

The Senate adjourned.

SECRET SESSION.

A message from the House of Representatives, by Mr. Dalton:

Mr. President: The House of Representatives have passed a resolution requesting the President of the Confederate States to return to the House an act (H. R. 392) to provide transportation for Senators, Representatives, and Delegates in Congress to their respective places of residence, and to increase, for a limited time, their salaries; in which they request the concurrence of the Senate.

The Senate proceeded to consider the said resolution of the House of Representatives; and

On motion by Mr. Orr, that the resolution lie upon the table,

It was determined in the affirmative,	{ Yeas	12
	{ Nays	4

On motion by Mr. Orr,

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present, Those who voted in the affirmative are,

Messrs. Barnwell, Caperton, Graham, Henry, Hunter, Johnson of Georgia, Johnson of Missouri, Oldham, Orr, Simms, Walker, and Watson.

Those who voted in the negative are,

Messrs. Burnett, Maxwell, Semmes, and Vest.

So it was

Ordered, That the resolution lie upon the table.

A message from the House of Representatives, by Mr. Dalton:

Mr. President: The House of Representatives have passed a bill (H. R. 417) to provide transportation for Senators, Representatives, and Delegates in Congress to their respective places of residence, and to increase, for a limited time, their salaries; in which they request the concurrence of the Senate.

The bill (H. R. 417) last mentioned was read the first and second times and considered as in Committee of the Whole.

On motion by Mr. Semmes, to amend the bill by striking out all after the enacting clause and inserting:

That the compensation of Senators, Representatives, and Delegates in Congress shall, for the months of March and April, in the year eighteen hundred and sixty-

five, be increased one hundred per cent for said months, and shall be payable on the passage of this act.

SEC. 2. That the compensation of the officers of the two Houses of Congress, for two months from the passage of this act, shall be increased eighty per cent for said months, and shall be payable on the passage of this act.

SEC. 3. That the mileage of Senators, Representatives, and Delegates in Congress, for the present session, shall be increased one hundred per cent,

It was determined in the affirmative.

No further amendment being proposed, the bill was reported to the Senate and the amendment was concurred in.

Ordered, That the amendment be engrossed and the bill read a third time.

The said bill as amended was read the third time.

Resolved, That it pass with an amendment.

On motion by Mr. Semmes, the title was amended so as to read: "An act to increase, for a limited period, the compensation and mileage of Senators, Representatives, and Delegates in Congress, and the compensation of the officers of both Houses of Congress."

Ordered, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the House of Representatives in the amendments.

Mr. Orr submitted the following resolution; which was considered and agreed to:

Resolved, That the Secretary of the Senate be directed to remove the archives of the Senate to such point, south, as may insure their safe-keeping and prevent them from falling into the hands of the public enemy, if in the opinion of the Secretary of War their safety requires such removal.

Resolved, That the Secretary of War be requested to furnish, or cause to be furnished, such transportation as will facilitate their safe removal.

On motion by Mr. Henry,

The Senate resolved into executive session.

EXECUTIVE SESSION.

Mr. Henry, from the Committee on Military Affairs, to whom were referred (on the 6th instant) the nominations of C. L. Bennett, Samuel H. Snowden, and A. H. Whetstone, to be assistant quartermasters, with the rank of captain; M. H. Houston, to be captain; John Selden, James S. Heyward, and E. Mazyek, to be first lieutenants, and John W. Friend, W. R. Atkinson, and R. F. Wright, to be second lieutenants of artillery, for ordnance duty; R. M. Stiles, to be captain; C. A. Alexander, to be first lieutenant, and C. Phillips and T. L. Harrison, to be second lieutenants of engineer troops; Henry P. Foster, to be second lieutenant of infantry (for distinguished valor and skill); J. T. Hutcheson, to be assistant commissary, with the rank of captain, reported, with a recommendation that all of said nominations be confirmed.

The Senate proceeded to consider said report; and in concurrence therewith, it was

Resolved, That the Senate do advise and consent to their appointment, agreeably to the nomination of the President.

Mr. Henry, from the Committee on Military Affairs, to whom were referred (on the 7th instant) the nominations of A. J. Allensworth and W. C. Marrow, to be quartermasters, with the rank of major; John M. Rose and N. B. Trist, to be captains of artillery, for ordnance duty; R. H. Atkinson, F. M. Myers, Thomas Burdell, Charles S. Wyly, B. H. Hudson, J. R. Du Bose, and J. D. Anthony, to be captains; R. J. Magill, Pearce Horne, F. B. Palmer, A. H. Rutherford, M. De Graf-

fenried, W. B. Griffin, S. C. De Pass, L. C. Berrien, and John P. Fort, to be first lieutenants; F. L. Thompson, to be captain, and A. D. Warwick, to be second lieutenant, reported, with a recommendation that all of said nominations be confirmed.

The Senate proceeded to consider said report; and in concurrence therewith, it was

Resolved, That the Senate do advise and consent to their appointment, agreeably to the nomination of the President.

On motion by Mr. Henry.

The Senate resolved into open legislative session.

THURSDAY, MARCH 9, 1865.

OPEN SESSION.

Mr. Wigfall, from the Committee on Military Affairs, to whom was recommitted the bill (H. R. 323) to provide payment for horses killed or lost in the service of the Confederate States, reported it with amendments.

The Senate proceeded, as in Committee of the Whole, to the consideration of the said bill.

On the question to agree to the following reported amendment, to wit: Insert the following independent section:

SEC. 2. That for all horses lost under the circumstances stated in the first section of this act, and prior to the first day of January, eighteen hundred and sixty-four, the claims shall be filed with the Second Auditor, and if the proof be sufficient, the Auditor shall give to the party entitled thereto a certificate, setting forth the fact of the loss of the horse and his value, and which shall entitle said officer or soldier, upon the ratification of a treaty of peace, to payment for said horse,

It was determined in the negative.

The residue of the reported amendments were then agreed to.

No further amendment being made, the bill was reported to the Senate and the amendments were concurred in.

Ordered, That the amendments be engrossed and the bill read a third time.

The said bill as amended was read the third time.

On the question,

Shall the bill now pass?

It was determined in the negative.

So it was

Resolved, That this bill do not pass.

Ordered, That the Secretary inform the House of Representatives thereof.

A message from the House of Representatives, by Mr. Dalton:

Mr. President: The House of Representatives have passed the bill of the Senate (S. 221) for the relief of maimed soldiers.

And they have agreed to the amendments of the Senate to the resolution of the House fixing a day for the adjournment of the present session of Congress.

The Speaker of the House of Representatives having signed sundry enrolled bills, I am directed to bring them to the Senate for the signature of their President.

Mr. Watson submitted the following resolution; which was considered by unanimous consent and agreed to:

Resolved, That one thousand additional copies of the report, and accompanying evidence, of the joint select committee appointed to investigate the condition and

treatment of prisoners of war, be printed; that two hundred copies be furnished the Commissioner of Exchange, three hundred to the Secretary of War, and the remaining copies to the Senate for distribution.

Mr. Wigfall (by leave) introduced

A joint resolution (S. 37) of thanks to Lieut. Gen. Wade Hampton; which was read the first and second times and considered as in Committee of the Whole; and no amendment being proposed, it was reported to the Senate.

Ordered, That it be engrossed and read a third time.

The said resolution was read the third time.

Resolved, That it pass, and that the title thereof be as aforesaid.

Ordered, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the House of Representatives therein.

Mr. Semmes, from the Committee on Finance, to whom was referred the bill (S. 223) for the relief of the Exchange Bank of Virginia, reported it with an amendment.

The Senate proceeded, as in Committee of the Whole, to the consideration of the said bill; and the reported amendment having been agreed to, the bill was reported to the Senate and the amendment was concurred in.

Ordered, That the bill be engrossed and the bill read a third time.

The said bill was read the third time.

Resolved, That it pass, and that the title thereof be as aforesaid.

Ordered, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the House of Representatives therein.

Mr. Semmes, from the Committee on Finance, to whom was referred the bill (S. 88) to exempt from taxation, on the part of the Confederate Government, the articles purchased by the State of Arkansas under and by virtue of an act of the general assembly of said State, approved October 1, 1864, entitled "An act to provide cotton and wool cards and medicines for the families of soldiers, and paper for the officers of the State and counties, and for other purposes," reported it with the recommendation that it ought not to pass.

On motion by Mr. Semmes,

Ordered, That the Committee on Finance be discharged from the further consideration of the bill (S. 174) to encourage the production of cotton in the Trans-Mississippi Department.

Mr. Semmes, from the Committee on Finance, to whom was referred the joint resolution (H. R. 34) for the relief of Alexander F. Kinney, Confederate States depository at Staunton, Va., reported it without amendment.

The Senate proceeded, as in Committee of the Whole, to the consideration of the said resolution; and no amendment being proposed, it was reported to the Senate.

Ordered, That it pass to a third reading.

The said resolution was read the third time.

Resolved, That it pass.

Ordered, That the Secretary inform the House of Representatives thereof.

On motion by Mr. Semmes,

Ordered, That the Committee on Finance be discharged from the further consideration of all bills, resolutions, and other matters referred to them and not reported on.

Mr. Watson, from the Committee on the Judiciary, to whom was

referred the bill (H. R. 413) to amend the sequestration laws, reported it with amendments.

The Senate proceeded, as in Committee of the Whole, to the consideration of the said bill; and the reported amendments having been agreed to, the bill was reported to the Senate and the amendments were concurred in.

Ordered, That the amendments be engrossed and the bill read a third time.

The said bill as amended was read the third time.

Resolved, That it pass with amendments.

Ordered, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the House of Representatives in the amendments.

Mr. Maxwell, from the committee, reported that they had examined and found truly enrolled bills of the following titles:

S. 162. An act to amend an act entitled "An act to impose regulations upon the foreign commerce of the Confederate States to provide for the public defense," approved February 6, 1864;

S. 220. An act to increase the salary of the assistant treasurer at Charleston, S. C.;

H. R. 244. An act to provide for the settlement of certain matters of account growing out of purchases of property, as alleged by the purchasers, for the use of the Government, by Payne & Co., in the State of Texas;

H. R. 288. An act authorizing the promotion of officers, noncommissioned officers, and privates for distinguished valor and skill, or for peculiar competency and general merit;

H. R. 294. An act to secure to sick and wounded officers the same rights and privileges in obtaining leaves of absence as are now provided by law for soldiers obtaining furloughs;

H. R. 295. An act authorizing hospital accommodations for treatment, including subsistence, to certain officers and soldiers resigned, retired, or discharged;

H. R. 347. An act to authorize and regulate the allowances of naval storekeepers;

H. R. 393. An act to provide for paying, in cotton, the annuities due the Seminole, Creek, Choctaw, and Chickasaw nations of Indians;

H. R. 404. An act further to amend the act to provide an invalid corps, approved February 17, 1864;

H. R. 407. An act to construe and declare more explicitly the meaning of an act to increase the compensation of the heads of the several Executive Departments and the Assistant Secretary of War and the Treasury and of the Assistant Attorney-General and the Comptroller of the Treasury and other officers therein named, approved June 14, 1864;

H. R. 408. An act regulating the compensation of Government officers, clerks, and employees in the city of Petersburg; and

H. R. 410. An act making an appropriation for the construction and repair of railroads for military purposes for the year 1865.

The President pro tempore having signed the enrolled bills last reported to have been examined, they were delivered to the Secretary of the Senate and by him forthwith presented to the President of the Confederate States for his approval.

The Senate proceeded, as in Committee of the Whole, to the consideration of the bill (H. R. 405) to establish certain post routes therein named.

On motion by Mr. Oldham, to amend the bill by inserting after line 33 the words "In the State of Texas, from Hockley to San Felipe, in Austin County,"

It was determined in the affirmative.

On motion by Mr. Orr, to amend the bill by inserting after line 7 the words "From Wimsboro to Alston,"

It was determined in the affirmative.

No further amendment being proposed, the bill was reported to the Senate and the amendments were concurred in.

Ordered, That the amendments be engrossed and the bill read a third time.

The said bill as amended was read the third time.

Resolved, That it pass with amendments.

Ordered, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the House of Representatives in the amendments.

A message from the House of Representatives, by Mr. Dalton:

Mr. President: The House of Representatives have passed a bill (H. R. 420) to provide for the payment of arrears now due to the Army and Navy; in which they request the concurrence of the Senate.

The Speaker of the House of Representatives having signed sundry enrolled bills, I am directed to bring them to the Senate for the signature of their President.

The bill (H. R. 420) to provide for the payment of arrears now due to the Army and Navy was read the first and second times and referred to the Committee on Finance.

On motion by Mr. Wigfall,

Ordered, That the Committee on Military Affairs be discharged from the further consideration of all bills, resolutions, and other matters referred to them and not reported on.

On motion by Mr. Maxwell,

The Senate resolved into secret legislative session.

The doors having been opened,

On motion by Mr. Maxwell,

Ordered, That the President pro tempore appoint an additional member on the Committee on Engrossment and Enrollment; and

Mr. Johnson of Missouri was appointed.

A message from the President of the Confederate States, by Mr. B. N. Harrison, his Secretary:

Mr. President: The President of the Confederate States, on the 8th instant, approved and signed the following acts:

S. 180. An act to amend an act entitled "An act to prevent the procuring, aiding, and assisting persons to desert from the Army of the Confederate States, and for other purposes," approved January 22, 1864; and

S. 191. An act to abolish the office of all officers engaged in discharging the duties of provost-marshal, except within the lines of an army in the field.

Ordered, That the Secretary inform the House of Representatives thereof.

A message from the House of Representatives, by Mr. Dalton:

Mr. President: The House of Representatives have passed bills of the following titles; in which they request the concurrence of the Senate:

H. R. 419. An act to amend an act providing for the establishment and payment of claims for a certain description of property taken or informally impressed for the use of the Army, approved 14th June, 1864; and

H. R. 421. An act for the relief of the Exchange Bank of Virginia, at Norfolk.

The House of Representatives have agreed to the resolution of the Senate granting leave to the committee on the treatment and exchange of prisoners and conduct

of the war, etc., to sit during the recess of Congress, and authorizing the said committee to employ a clerk, with an amendment; in which they request the concurrence of the Senate.

The Senate proceeded to consider the amendment of the House of Representatives to the resolution last mentioned; and .

Resolved, That they concur therein.

Ordered, That the Secretary inform the House of Representatives thereof.

Mr. Orr, from the Committee on Foreign Relations, to whom was referred the joint resolution (H. R. 30) expressing the sense of Congress on the subject of the late peace commission, reported it with amendments.

The Senate proceeded, as in Committee of the Whole, to the consideration of the said resolution; and the reported amendments having been agreed to, the resolution was reported to the Senate and the amendments were concurred in.

Ordered, That the amendments be engrossed and the resolution read a third time.

The said resolution as amended was read the third time.

Resolved, That it pass with amendments.

Ordered, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the House of Representatives in the amendments.

The bill (H. R. 419) to amend an act providing for the establishment and payment of claims for a certain description of property taken or informally impressed for the use of the Army, approved 14th June, 1864, was read the first and second times and referred to the Committee on Finance.

On motion by Mr. Semmes,

Ordered, That the Senate take a recess until 8 o'clock p. m.

8 O'CLOCK P. M.

A message from the House of Representatives, by Mr. Dalton:

Mr. President: The House of Representatives have agreed to the amendments of the Senate to bills of the following titles:

H. R. 307. An act authorizing the Secretary of the Treasury to borrow specie, to be applied to the redemption and reduction of the currency;

H. R. 367. An act to increase the military force of the Confederate States;

H. R. 390. An act for the relief of taxpayers in certain cases; and

H. R. 402. An act to make rules concerning captures on land.

And they have agreed to the report of the committee of conference on the disagreeing votes of the two Houses on the bill (H. R. 384) for the relief of bonded agriculturists in certain cases.

The House of Representatives have passed bills and a joint resolution of the Senate of the following titles:

S. 216. An act to appropriate money to pay the Missouri State Guard;

S. 222. An act supplemental to an act approved on the 4th day of March, 1865, entitled "An act to authorize the commanders of the reserves in each State to order general courts-martial and to revise the proceedings of courts-martial and military courts;"

S. 199. An act to change the time for the assembling of Congress for its next regular session; and

S. 35. Joint resolution providing for donations to the Treasury of the Confederate States.

The bill and joint resolution last named with amendments; in which they request the concurrence of the Senate.

The Speaker of the House of Representatives having signed sundry enrolled bills, I am directed to bring them to the Senate for the signature of their President.

Mr. Maxwell, from the committee, reported that they had examined and found truly enrolled bills and a joint resolution of the following titles:

H. R. 258. An act to amend the act of February 7, 1863, so as to allow commutation to soldiers for the war who have received no furlough;

H. R. 342. An act providing for the auditing and payment of certain properly authenticated claims;

H. R. 343. An act providing for the auditing and payment of properly authenticated claims against the Cotton Bureau in the Trans-Mississippi Department;

H. R. 379. An act to levy additional taxes for the year 1865, for the support of the Government; and

H. R. 33. Joint resolution for the relief of postmasters in certain cases.

The President pro tempore having signed the enrolled bills and enrolled joint resolution last reported to have been examined, they were delivered to the Secretary of the Senate and by him forthwith presented to the President of the Confederate States for his approval.

The Senate proceeded to consider the amendment of the House of Representatives to the bill (S. 199) to change the time for the assembling of Congress for its next regular session; and

On motion by Mr. Orr,

Resolved, That the Senate disagree to the amendment of the House of Representatives to the said bill.

Ordered, That the Secretary inform the House of Representatives thereof.

The Senate proceeded to consider the amendment of the House of Representatives to the joint resolution (S. 35) providing for donations to the Treasury of the Confederate States; and

Resolved, That they concur therein.

Ordered, That the Secretary inform the House of Representatives thereof.

A message from the President of the Confederate States, by Mr. B. N. Harrison, his Secretary:

Mr. President: The President of the Confederate States, on the 7th instant, approved and signed an act (S. 187) to regulate the business of conscription.

Ordered, That the Secretary inform the House of Representatives thereof.

The following message was received from the President of the Confederate States, by Mr. B. N. Harrison, his Secretary:

EXECUTIVE OFFICE, *Richmond, Va., March 9, 1865.*

To the Senate and House of Representatives of the Confederate States:

I herewith transmit for your consideration a communication from the Secretary of the Treasury, covering estimates of appropriations required for the support of the Government during the year 1865.

JEFFERSON DAVIS.

The message was read.

Ordered, That it be referred to the Committee on Finance.

The following message was received from the President of the Confederate States, by Mr. B. N. Harrison, his Secretary:

EXECUTIVE OFFICE, *Richmond, Va., March 9, 1865.*

To the Senate of the Confederate States:

I feel constrained to return the bill "to provide for the promotion of officers in certain cases" to the Senate, in which it originated, with a statement of the objections which have led me to withhold from it my signature.

The Constitution provides, in paragraph 2, section 2, Article II, "The President shall have power, by and with the advice and consent of the Senate," to appoint officers of the Confederate States not otherwise provided for, "but the Congress may by law vest the appointment of such inferior officers as they think proper in the President alone, in the courts of law, or in the heads of Departments."

In the bill under consideration it is declared that "it shall be competent to the commanding general in the field, or the Secretary of War, to order the promotions to be made of the officers next in grade," etc.

This seems to me to confer a power of appointment on a commanding general not warranted by the Constitution.

It may be further remarked that the power conferred upon the Secretary of War will be ineffectual, except in the case when the officer next in rank is qualified to fill the temporary vacancy; a case in which the power would be least necessary in order to provide, for the time being, a competent commander.

JEFFERSON DAVIS.

The message was read.

The Senate proceeded to reconsider the bill (S. 194) returned by the President of the Confederate States with his objections; which bill is in the following words:

An act to provide for promotion of officers in certain cases.

The Congress of the Confederate States of America do enact, That, wherever the promotion of officers is obstructed by the captivity, disability, or prolonged absence of officers of a superior grade in the same company, battalion, or regiment, it shall be competent to the commanding general in the field, or the Secretary of War, to order the promotions to be made of the officers next in grade, if competent, with temporary rank, without prejudice to the claims of the superior officers who are thus temporarily absent, and the officers thus promoted, during the term of their service, shall have the pay and emoluments of the grade to which they may be assigned.

TH. S. BOCOCK,

Speaker of the House of Representatives.

R. M. T. HUNTER,

President pro tempore of the Senate.

I do hereby certify that this act did originate in the Senate.

JAMES H. NASH,

Secretary.

On motion by Mr. Semmes,

Ordered, That the further consideration of the bill be postponed until to-morrow.

The following message was received from the President of the Confederate States, by Mr. B. N. Harrison, his Secretary:

To the Senate and House of Representatives of the Confederate States of America:

Having been this day informed that the two Houses of Congress have concurred in fixing Saturday next as the day for their adjournment, I deem it proper and advisable to notify you that I expect, at an early day, to send a communication which may require your deliberation and action; and, therefore, to request that you will prolong your session for a few days.

JEFFERSON DAVIS.

RICHMOND, March 9, 1865.

The message was read.

Ordered, That it lie upon the table.

A message from the House of Representatives, by Mr. Dalton:

Mr. President: The House of Representatives have passed a bill (H. R. 423) to prevent improper communication of intelligence to the enemy; in which they request the concurrence of the Senate.

The Speaker of the House of Representatives having signed sundry enrolled bills and enrolled joint resolutions, I am directed to bring them to the Senate for the signature of their President.

The bill (H. R. 423) to prevent improper communication of intelligence to the enemy was read the first and second times and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Mr. Johnson of Missonri (by leave) introduced

A joint resolution (S. 38) in relation to paying exchanged or paroled officers and soldiers; which was read the first and second times and referred to the Committee on Military Affairs.

Mr. Semmes, from the Committee on the Judiciary, to whom was referred the bill (H. R. 423) to prevent improper communication of intelligence to the enemy, reported it without amendment.

The Senate proceeded, as in Committee of the Whole, to the consideration of the said bill; and no amendment being proposed, the bill was reported to the Senate.

Ordered, That it pass to a third reading.

The said bill was read the third time.

Resolved, That it pass.

Ordered, That the Secretary inform the House of Representatives thereof.

A message from the House of Representatives, by Mr. Dalton:

Mr. President: The House of Representatives have passed a bill (H. R. 422) to authorize prisoners of war to fund Treasury notes; in which they request the concurrence of the Senate.

The bill (H. R. 422) last mentioned was read the first and second times and referred to the Committee on Finance.

On motion by Mr. Barnwell.

Ordered, That when the Senate adjourn it be to 8 o'clock p. m. to-morrow.

On motion by Mr. Barnwell.

The Senate adjourned.

SECRET SESSION.

A message from the House of Representatives, by Mr. Dalton:

Mr. President: The House of Representatives have agreed to the amendments of the Senate to the bill (H. R. 417) to provide transportation for Senators, Representatives, and Delegates in Congress to their respective places of residence, and to increase, for a limited time, their salaries.

On motion by Mr. Semmes.

Ordered, That the Committee on Finance be discharged from the further consideration of the bill (H. R. 311) to provide transportation for the officers of either House of Congress to their respective places of residence, and to increase, for a limited time, their salaries, and the joint resolution (H. R. 32) in relation to the pay of Members of, and Delegates in, and of the officers of both Houses during the recess of Congress.

A message from the House of Representatives, by Mr. Dalton:

Mr. President: The Speaker of the House of Representatives having signed sundry enrolled bills and an enrolled joint resolution, I am directed to bring them to the Senate for the signature of their President.

Mr. Maxwell, from the committee, reported that they had examined and found truly enrolled bills and a joint resolution of the following titles:

S. 105. An act to authorize the exportation of cotton by the several States in payment for army and other supplies and cotton and wool cards;

S. 218. An act to authorize the removal of the Naval School;

H. R. 361. An act to provide for the establishment of a bureau of special and secret service;

H. R. 417. An act to increase, for a limited period, the compensation and mileage of Senators, Representatives, and Delegates in Congress, and the compensation of the officers of both Houses of Congress; and

H. R. 29. Joint resolution in relation to the services of Manuel and Rafael Armijo and Julian Tesorio.

The President pro tempore having signed the enrolled bills and enrolled joint resolution last reported to have been examined, they were delivered to the Secretary of the Senate and by him forthwith presented to the President of the Confederate States for his approval.

The President pro tempore laid before the Senate a communication from the Secretary of the Treasury in relation to the issue of registered four per cent bonds; which was read.

Ordered, That it be referred to the Committee on Finance.

On motion by Mr. Orr,

The Senate resolved into executive session.

EXECUTIVE SESSION.

Mr. Wigfall, from the Committee on Military Affairs, to whom were referred (on the 1st instant) the nominations of J. Horace Lacy, I. T. Winnemore, Charles Morris, and J. M. Hanger, to be quartermasters, with the rank of major; and Thomas W. Cowles, to be assistant quartermaster, with the rank of captain, reported, with a recommendation that all of said nominations be confirmed.

The Senate proceeded to consider said report; and in concurrence therewith, it was

Resolved, That the Senate do advise and consent to their appointment, agreeably to the nomination of the President.

Mr. Wigfall, from the Committee on Military Affairs, to whom were referred (on the 21st December last) the nominations of W. V. Thompson, J. C. Gallagher, F. Clarke, Allen J. Green, J. R. McLean, and J. C. Johnston, to be majors and commandants of camps of instruction, reported, with the recommendation that all of said nominations lie upon the table.

The Senate proceeded to consider said report; and

On motion by Mr. Wigfall,

Ordered, That they lie upon the table.

The following messages were received from the President of the Confederate States, by Mr. B. N. Harrison, his Secretary:

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT, CONFEDERATE STATES OF AMERICA,
Richmond, [March --,] 1865.

To the Senate of the Confederate States:

Agreeably to the recommendation of the Secretary of War, I nominate the officers on the accompanying list to the grades affixed to their names, respectively.

JEFFERSON DAVIS.

No. 253.]

WAR DEPARTMENT, CONFEDERATE STATES OF AMERICA,
Richmond, March 8, 1865.

SIR: I have the honor to recommend the following nominations for appointment in the Provisional Army of the Confederate States of America:

Quartermasters—majors.

A. Parker, of South Carolina, to take rank from March 2, 1865.

T. H. Kellogg, of Virginia, to take rank from March 2, 1865.

I am, sir, respectfully, your obedient servant,

JOHN C. BRECKINRIDGE,
Secretary of War.

To His Excellency JEFFERSON DAVIS,
President, etc.

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT, CONFEDERATE STATES OF AMERICA,
Richmond, [March —, 1865].

To the Senate of the Confederate States:

Agreeably to the recommendation of the Secretary of War, I nominate R. E. McCulloch, of Tennessee, to be aid-de-camp, with the rank of first lieutenant in the Provisional Army of the Confederate States of America.

JEFFERSON DAVIS.

No. 252.]

WAR DEPARTMENT, CONFEDERATE STATES OF AMERICA,
Richmond, March 8, 1865.

SIR: I have the honor to recommend the nomination of R. E. McCulloch, of Tennessee, to be aid-de-camp, with the rank of first lieutenant in the Provisional Army of the Confederate States of America, for duty with Brig. Gen. William McComb (an original vacancy), to rank from February 23, 1865.

I am, sir, respectfully, your obedient servant,

JOHN C. BRECKINRIDGE,
Secretary of War.

To His Excellency JEFFERSON DAVIS,
President, etc.

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT, CONFEDERATE STATES OF AMERICA,
Richmond, [March —, 1865].

To the Senate of the Confederate States:

Agreeably to the recommendation of the Secretary of War, I nominate Capt. J. H. Franklin, of ———, to be promoted to quartermaster, with the rank of major in the Provisional Army of the Confederate States of America.

JEFFERSON DAVIS.

No. 251.]

WAR DEPARTMENT, CONFEDERATE STATES OF AMERICA,
Richmond, March 8, 1865.

SIR: I have the honor to recommend the nomination of Capt. J. H. Franklin, of ———, to be promoted to quartermaster, with the rank of major in the Provisional Army of the Confederate States of America, for duty with artillery, First Corps, Army of Northern Virginia (an original vacancy), to rank from March 2, 1865.

I am, sir, respectfully, your obedient servant,

JOHN C. BRECKINRIDGE,
Secretary of War.

To His Excellency JEFFERSON DAVIS,
President, etc.

The messages were severally read; and

The Senate proceeded to consider the nominations (received this day from the President) of A. Parker, T. H. Kellogg, and J. H. Franklin, to be quartermasters, with the rank of major; and R. E. McCulloch, to be aid-de-camp, with the rank of first lieutenant; and it was

Resolved, That the Senate do advise and consent to their appointment, agreeably to the nomination of the President.

The following message was received from the President of the Confederate States, by Mr. B. N. Harrison, his Secretary:

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT, CONFEDERATE STATES OF AMERICA,
Richmond, March 9, 1865.

To the Senate of the Confederate States:

Agreeably to the recommendation of the Secretary of War, I nominate R. C. Wintersmith, of Kentucky, to be a commissary, with the rank of major in the Provisional Army of the Confederate States of America.

JEFFERSON DAVIS.

No. 254.]

WAR DEPARTMENT, CONFEDERATE STATES OF AMERICA,
Richmond, March 8, 1865.

Sir: I have the honor to recommend the nomination of R. C. Wintersmith, of Kentucky, to be a commissary, with the rank of major in the Provisional Army of the Confederate States of America, report for duty to the Commissary-General, to rank from March 3, 1865.

I am, sir, respectfully, your obedient servant,

JOHN C. BRECKINRIDGE,
Secretary of War.

To His Excellency JEFFERSON DAVIS,
President, etc.

The message was read; and

The Senate proceeded to consider the nomination (received this day from the President) of R. C. Wintersmith, to be commissary, with the rank of major; and it was

Resolved, That the Senate do advise and consent to his appointment, agreeably to the nomination of the President.

On motion by Mr. Maxwell,

The Senate resolved into open legislative session.

FRIDAY, MARCH 10, 1865.

OPEN SESSION.

A message from the House of Representatives, by Mr. Dalton:

Mr. President: The House of Representatives have passed bills of the following titles; in which they request the concurrence of the Senate:

H. R. 324. An act to authorize the appointment of certain tax officers for the Trans-Mississippi Department;

H. R. 341. An act requiring suit to be brought against persons connected with the Cotton Bureau and Cotton Office in the Trans-Mississippi Department;

H. R. 424. An act for furnishing bagging and rope for the packing of tithe cotton; and

H. R. 425. An act to authorize the settlement of the claim of the State of North Carolina for expenses incurred in executing the acts of Congress to further provide for the public defense, and to organize forces to serve during the war.

And they have passed bills and a joint resolution of the Senate of the following titles:

S. 217. An act in relation to printing and binding, in pamphlet form, the acts, resolutions, and treaties adopted at each session of Congress;

S. 223. An act for the relief of the Exchange Bank of Virginia; and

S. 37. Joint resolution of thanks to Lieut. Gen. Wade Hampton.

And they have passed a resolution extending the time for the adjournment of the present session of Congress; in which they request the concurrence of the Senate.

The House of Representatives recede from their amendment, disagreed to by the Senate, to the bill (S. 199) to change the time for the assembling of Congress for its next regular session.

The bills received this day from the House of Representatives for concurrence were severally read the first and second times; and

Ordered, That the bills numbered 324, 424, and 425 be referred to the Committee on Finance and the bill numbered 341 to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Mr. Johnson of Missouri (by leave) introduced

A bill (S. 224) to limit the issue of forage;
which was read the first and second times and referred to the Committee on Military Affairs.

On motion by Mr. Burnett,

The Senate adjourned.

SATURDAY, MARCH 11, 1865.

OPEN SESSION.

A message from the House of Representatives, by Mr. Dalton:

Mr. President: The House of Representatives have agreed to the amendments of the Senate to bills and a joint resolution of the following titles:

H. R. 405. An act to establish certain post routes therein named;

H. R. 406. An act to amend the acts to regulate the assessment and collection of taxes in kind;

H. R. 413. An act to amend the sequestration laws; and

H. R. 30. Joint resolution expressing the sense of Congress on the subject of the late peace commission.

The President of the Confederate States has notified the House of Representatives that on the 6th instant he approved and signed the following acts:

H. R. 388. An act to authorize the First Auditor to receive and keep the accounts of the Navy Department;

H. R. 389. An act to amend an act to authorize the appointment of assistants to the Register in signing bonds and certificates, approved February 14, 1863; and

H. R. 399. An act to authorize the Secretary of War to purchase a percussion-cap pressing machine.

The Senate proceeded to consider the resolution of the House of Representatives extending the time for the adjournment of the present session of Congress; and

The resolution was agreed to.

Ordered, That the Secretary inform the House of Representatives thereof.

Mr. Caperton, from the committee, reported that they had examined and found truly enrolled bills and joint resolutions of the following titles:

S. 166. An act to amend an act entitled "An act to provide and organize a general staff for armies in the field, to serve during the war," approved June 14, 1864;

S. 219. An act to regulate the payment of clerks employed at the post-office in the cities of Richmond and Petersburg;

S. 221. An act for the relief of maimed soldiers;

H. R. 350. An act to diminish the number of exemptions and details;

H. R. 415. An act making an appropriation to supply a deficiency in the War Department during the fiscal period ending December 31, 1864;

H. R. 22. Joint resolution in regard to the Cotton Bureau and cotton transactions in the Trans-Mississippi Department; and

H. R. 34. Joint resolution for the relief of Alexander F. Kinney, Confederate States depository at Staunton, Va.

The President pro tempore having signed the enrolled bills and enrolled joint resolutions last reported to have been examined, they were delivered to the Secretary of the Senate and by him forthwith presented to the President of the Confederate States for his approval.

Mr. Semmes, from the Committee on Finance, to whom were referred the bill (H. R. 324) to authorize the appointment of certain tax officers for the Trans-Mississippi Department, and the bill (H. R. 424) for furnishing bagging and rope for the packing of tithe cotton, reported them severally, without amendment.

The Senate proceeded, as in Committee of the Whole, to the consideration of the said bills; and no amendment being proposed, they were severally reported to the Senate.

Ordered, That they pass to a third reading.

The said bills were severally read the third time.

Resolved, That they pass.

Ordered, That the Secretary inform the House of Representatives thereof.

Mr. Graham, from the Committee on Finance, to whom was referred the bill (H. R. 425) to authorize the settlement of the claim of the State of North Carolina for expenses incurred in executing the acts of Congress to further provide for the public defense, and to organize forces to serve during the war, reported it without amendment.

The Senate proceeded, as in Committee of the Whole, to the consideration of the said bill; and no amendment being proposed, it was reported to the Senate.

Ordered, That it pass to a third reading.

The said bill was read the third time.

Resolved, That it pass.

Ordered, That the Secretary inform the House of Representatives thereof.

Mr. Wigfall, from the Committee on Military Affairs, to whom was referred the bill (S. 224) to limit the issue of forage, reported it without amendment.

The Senate proceeded, as in Committee of the Whole, to the consideration of the said bill; and no amendment being proposed, it was reported to the Senate.

Ordered, That it be engrossed and read a third time.

The said bill was read the third time.

Resolved, That it pass, and that the title thereof be as aforesaid.

Ordered, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the House of Representatives therein.

On motion by Mr. Wigfall,

Ordered, That the Committee on Military Affairs be discharged from the further consideration of the joint resolution (S. 38) in relation to paying exchanged or paroled officers and soldiers.

The Senate resumed the reconsideration of the bill (S. 194) to provide for promotion of officers in certain cases, returned by the President of the Confederate States with his objections; and

On the question,

Shall this bill pass, the objections of the President to the contrary notwithstanding?

It was determined in the affirmative, { Yeas ----- 11
Nays ----- 5

The vote having been taken by yeas and nays, conformably to the Constitution,

Those who voted in the affirmative are,

Messrs. Brown, Caperton, Graham, Henry, Hunter, Johnson of Georgia, Johnson of Missouri, Orr, Semmes, Vest, and Wigfall.

Those who voted in the negative are,
Messrs. Barnwell, Maxwell, Oldham, Simms, and Watson.

So it was

Resolved, That this bill pass, two-thirds of the Senators present having voted therefor.

On motion by Mr. Graham,

Ordered, That the Secretary communicate the said bill, the message of the President returning the same, with his objections, to the Senate, and the proceedings of the Senate thereon, to the House of Representatives.

The bill (H. R. 421) for the relief of the Exchange Bank of Virginia, at Norfolk, was read the first and second times and referred to the Committee on Finance.

Mr. Semmes, from the Committee on Finance, to whom was referred the bill (H. R. 420) to provide for the payment of arrears now due to the Army and Navy, reported it without amendment.

The Senate proceeded, as in Committee of the Whole, to the consideration of the said bill.

On motion by Mr. Semmes, to amend the bill by striking out "shall," section 1, line 3, and inserting "may, if in his opinion the exigencies of the service require it,"

It was determined in the negative,	{ Yeas	7
	{ Nays	7

On motion by Mr. Semmes,

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present,
Those who voted in the affirmative are,

Messrs. Barnwell, Graham, Hunter, Johnson of Missouri, Orr, Semmes, and Vest.

Those who voted in the negative are,

Messrs. Caperton, Henry, Maxwell, Simms, Walker, Watson, and Wigfall.

No amendment being made, the bill was reported to the Senate.

Ordered, That it pass to a third reading.

The said bill was read the third time.

On the question,

Shall the bill now pass?

It was determined in the affirmative,	{ Yeas	9
	{ Nays	5

On motion by Mr. Semmes,

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present,
Those who voted in the affirmative are,

Messrs. Caperton, Graham, Henry, Hunter, Maxwell, Simms, Walker, Watson, and Wigfall.

Those who voted in the negative are,

Messrs. Barnwell, Johnson of Missouri, Orr, Semmes, and Vest.

So it was

Resolved, That this bill pass.

Ordered, That the Secretary inform the House of Representatives thereof.

The following message was received from the President of the Confederate States, by Mr. B. N. Harrison, his Secretary:

To the Senate of the Confederate States of America:

The act entitled "An act to abolish the office of certain quartermasters and assistant quartermasters, commissaries and assistant commissaries, and to provide for the

appointment of bonded agents in said departments," which originated in your honorable body, is herewith returned without my approval, and with a statement of the objections which have prevented my signing it.

The act abolishes the office of all quartermasters and assistant quartermasters, commissaries and assistant commissaries, at posts and depots, and of those engaged in purchasing and impressing supplies, except such as are above the age of forty-five years, or have been disabled in service, or declared unfit for duty in the field. It requires those officers to be dropped from service, one-fourth in two months, one-fourth in four months, one-fourth in six months, and one-fourth within two years, and directs that their places be supplied by bonded agents, who are to be persons above the age of forty-five years, or disabled in service, or unfit for duty in the field, and it revokes all details and repeals all authority to grant details of persons between the ages of eighteen and forty-five years for duty in Quartermaster's and Commissary Departments, except skilled artisans and mechanics permanently employed, or persons disabled or unfit for duty in the field.

The object plainly intended by this act is one which meets my hearty concurrence and approval. Its obvious purpose is to strengthen the Army by placing in the ranks persons fit for active service and whose places can be supplied by others unable to do duty in the field. On reference of the subject, however, to the Secretary of War, it has been found that this act could not be executed without seriously impairing our ability to supply the armies in the field during the approaching campaign, and that its operation would be to drop officers who have been carefully selected by reason of their superior capacity and qualifications, while retaining others of inferior merit and value.

The difficulty of furnishing supplies to the Army, owing to embarrassments in transportation, is greater now than it has been at any previous period of the war. This difficulty has prompted the selection for that duty of the best and most active and competent officers in the Quartermaster's and Commissary Departments, and such officers have, within the last six months, been, in many instances, withdrawn from the armies where their services were less important and assigned to duty in purchasing, collecting, and forwarding supplies. This fact was, I feel confident, not known to Congress when the act was framed, and it could not have been intended to drop from service officers of special merit and retain others of inferior value.

I am also satisfied, from the report made to me by the Secretary of War, that the number of officers who would be dropped under the provisions of this law is far less than is supposed; that their value as soldiers in the ranks would in no measure compensate for the loss of their services in their present position.

The total number of post and purchasing commissaries in the States east of the Mississippi River is but 212, of whom many are either over forty-five years of age, or otherwise exempt from the operations of the proposed law.

The total number of quartermasters collecting tax in kind is 96, and on post duty, 223, including officers in charge of manufactures of clothing, shoes, harness, wagons, ambulances, etc. A number of them are over forty-five years of age, others would not be embraced by the terms of the act; others, still, have special qualifications for the superintendence of the important manufactures confided to their care.

Taken altogether, it is doubted whether the officers who would be dropped under the provisions of the bill would exceed 200 in number, of whom 50 would go into the ranks in two months, 50 in four months, and 50 more in six months. This scarcely appreciable addition to the force in the field would be dearly bought at the sacrifice of efficiency in the two branches of service on which the very existence of the Army depends.

The terms of the act exempt from its operation those now on duty in the field, so that if it becomes a law, it would not even be possible to avert the loss of the best officers by returning them to duty in the field and dropping others of inferior merit. The Secretary of War is left without discretion or choice in the matter.

The heads of the two branches of service affected by this act apprehend great embarrassment to their respective departments if it becomes a law. The machinery now organized would be impeded in its working everywhere, and in some instances positively interrupted, just at the opening of this most important campaign. Valuable and experienced officers would be withdrawn from service. Chief commissaries, long accustomed to control operations in an entire State, quartermasters thoroughly informed as to the resources of their respective fields of duty, would, at short intervals, be dropped; and the heads of these bureaus would be embarrassed with the difficult duty, in the midst of an active campaign, of supplying their places with inexperienced and untried successors.

The representations made to me on the subjects embraced in this act by those under whose immediate superintendence its provisions would be executed, together

with my own daily experience of the difficulties attendant on the efficient discharge of the duties of these two indispensable branches of the service, have created apprehensions of injurious effects from the passage of the act too serious to permit my approving it.

JEFFERSON DAVIS.

EXECUTIVE OFFICE, *Richmond, March 11, 1865.*

The message was read.

The Senate proceeded to reconsider the bill (S. 169) returned by the President with his objections; which bill is in the following words:

An act to abolish the office of certain quartermasters and assistant quartermasters, commissaries and assistant commissaries, and to provide for the appointment of bonded agents in said departments.

The Congress of the Confederate States of America do enact, That the office of all quartermasters and assistant quartermasters, commissaries and assistant commissaries, on duty at posts and depots, those engaged in purchasing and impressing supplies, be, and the same is hereby, abolished.

SEC. 2. That the officers holding these offices shall be dropped from the service in the following manner: One-fourth in two months after the passage of this act, one-fourth in four months, one-fourth in six months, and one-fourth within two years: *Provided*, That their places can not sooner be filled, as hereinafter provided.

SEC. 3. That nothing in this act shall apply to quartermasters and commissaries who are now on duty with armies in the field, or to officers now on duty in the city of Richmond, in the offices of the Quartermaster-General and Commissary-General, or to officers above the age of forty-five years, or who have been disabled in the service or declared unfit for duty in the field.

SEC. 4. That the President shall appoint as many agents, who shall execute bond, payable to the Confederate States, with sufficient security for the faithful performance of their duty, with such penalty as shall be prescribed by the Secretary of War, as may be necessary to the efficiency of those departments, and that their compensation shall not exceed that now allowed quartermasters and commissaries for similar duties: *Provided*, Said agents shall be appointed from persons above the age of forty-five years, or from persons who have been disabled in the service or found unfit for duty in the field.

SEC. 5. That all officers whose offices are abolished, and who shall be dropped from the service by the provisions of this act, shall have the right to volunteer, within thirty days, in any arm of the service, from their respective States, said time to run from the date of their being dropped from the service.

SEC. 6. That all authority to detail persons between the ages of eighteen and forty-five years for duty in the Quartermaster's and Commissary Departments is hereby repealed, and all details heretofore granted in these departments are hereby revoked—except as to skilled artisans and mechanics permanently employed in said departments—unless they are persons who have been disabled in the service or declared unfit for duty in the field.

SEC. 7. That the provisions of this act shall be enforced under general regulations to be prescribed by the Secretary of War.

TH. S. BOCOCK,
Speaker of the House of Representatives.

R. M. T. HUNTER,
President pro tempore of the Senate.

I do hereby certify that this act did originate in the Senate.

JAMES H. NASH,
Secretary.

On motion by Mr. Brown,

Ordered, That the further consideration of the bill be postponed to and made the special order for Monday next, at 12 o'clock.

On motion by Mr. Barnwell, that the vote on passing the bill (H. R. 420) to provide for the payment of arrears now due to the Army and Navy be reconsidered,

On motion by Mr. Barnwell,

Ordered, That the further consideration thereof be postponed until Monday next.

On motion by Mr. Hunter,

The Senate resolved into executive session.

The doors having been opened,

Mr. Semmes, from the Committee on Finance, to whom was referred the bill (H. R. 421) for the relief of the Exchange Bank of Virginia, at Norfolk, reported it with an amendment.

The Senate proceeded, as in Committee of the Whole, to the consideration of the said bill; and the reported amendment having been agreed to, the bill was reported to the Senate and the amendment was concurred in.

Ordered, That the amendment be engrossed and the bill read a third time.

The said bill as amended was read the third time.

Resolved, That it pass with an amendment.

Ordered, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the House of Representatives in the amendment.

Mr. Semmes, from the Committee on Finance, to whom was referred the bill (H. R. 419) to amend an act providing for the establishment and payment of claims for a certain description of property taken or informally impressed for the use of the Army, approved 14th June, 1864, reported it with the recommendation that it ought not to pass.

The Senate proceeded, as in Committee of the Whole, to the consideration of the said bill; and no amendment being proposed, it was reported to the Senate.

On the question,

Shall the bill be read a third time?

It was determined in the negative.

So the bill was rejected.

Ordered, That the Secretary inform the House of Representatives thereof.

On motion by Mr. Brown,

Ordered, That the Senate take a recess until 8 o'clock p. m.

8 O'CLOCK P. M.

A message from the House of Representatives, by Mr. Dalton:

Mr. President: The House of Representatives have passed bills and joint resolutions of the following titles; in which they request the concurrence of the Senate:

H. R. 428. An act to authorize the Postmaster-General to purchase United States postage stamps for certain purposes;

H. R. 429. An act making appropriations for the support of the Government of the Confederate States of America from July 1 to December 31, 1865, and to supply deficiencies;

H. R. 430. An act to amend an act to reduce the currency and to authorize a new issue of notes and bonds, approved February 17, 1864;

H. R. 35. Joint resolution for the relief of Stephen B. Marshall, jr., tax collector of Putnam County, Ga.; and

H. R. 36. Joint resolution for the relief of William C. Hagan.

The bills and joint resolutions received this day from the House of Representatives for concurrence were severally read the first and second times; and

Ordered, That the bill numbered 428 be referred to the Committee on Post-Offices and Post-Roads; the bills numbered 429 and 430 to the Committee on Finance, and the joint resolutions numbered 35 and 36 to the Committee on Claims.

On motion by Mr. Maxwell,

The Senate adjourned.

EXECUTIVE SESSION.

The following messages were received from the President of the Confederate States, by Mr. B. N. Harrison, his Secretary:

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT, CONFEDERATE STATES OF AMERICA,
Richmond, March 11, 1865.

To the Senate of the Confederate States:

Agreeably to the recommendation of the Secretary of War, I nominate Col. Y. M. Moody, of Alabama, to be a brigadier-general in the Provisional Army of the Confederate States of America.

JEFFERSON DAVIS.

No. 255.]

WAR DEPARTMENT, CONFEDERATE STATES OF AMERICA,
Richmond, March 8, 1865.

SIR: I have the honor to recommend the nomination of Col. Y. M. Moody, of Alabama, to be brigadier-general in the Provisional Army of the Confederate States of America, to command brigade, Army of Northern Virginia, vice General Gracie, killed, to rank from March 4, 1865.

I am, sir, respectfully, your obedient servant,

JOHN C. BRECKINRIDGE,
Secretary of War.

To His Excellency JEFFERSON DAVIS,
President, &c.

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT, CONFEDERATE STATES OF AMERICA,
Richmond, March 11, 1865.

To the Senate of the Confederate States:

Agreeably to the recommendation of the Secretary of War, I nominate R. A. Wood, of Georgia, to be captain (for retirement, under act approved January 27, 1865) in the Provisional Army of the Confederate States of America.

JEFFERSON DAVIS.

WAR DEPARTMENT, CONFEDERATE STATES OF AMERICA,
Richmond, March 8, 1865.

SIR: I have the honor to recommend the nomination of R. A. Wood, of Georgia, to be captain (for retirement, under act approved January 27, 1865) in the Provisional Army of the Confederate States of America, to rank from February 14, 1865.

I am, sir, respectfully, your obedient servant,

JOHN C. BRECKINRIDGE,
Secretary of War.

To His Excellency JEFFERSON DAVIS,
President, &c.

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT, CONFEDERATE STATES OF AMERICA,
Richmond, March 11, 1865.

To the Senate of the Confederate States:

Agreeably to the recommendation of the Secretary of War, I nominate James P. Cox, of Virginia, to be aid-de-camp, with the rank of first lieutenant in the Provisional Army of the Confederate States of America.

JEFFERSON DAVIS.

No. 263.]

WAR DEPARTMENT, CONFEDERATE STATES OF AMERICA,
Richmond, March 9, 1865.

SIR: I have the honor to recommend the nomination of James P. Cox, of Virginia, to be aid-de-camp, with the rank of first lieutenant in the Provisional Army of the Confederate States of America, for duty with Brigadier-General Logan (an original vacancy), to rank from March 8, 1865.

I am, sir, respectfully, your obedient servant,

JOHN C. BRECKINRIDGE,
Secretary of War.

To His Excellency JEFFERSON DAVIS,
President, &c.

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT, CONFEDERATE STATES OF AMERICA,
Richmond, March 11, 1865.

To the Senate of the Confederate States:

Agreeably to the recommendation of the Secretary of War, I nominate the officers on the accompanying list to the grades affixed to their names, respectively.

JEFFERSON DAVIS.

No. 260.] WAR DEPARTMENT, CONFEDERATE STATES OF AMERICA,
Richmond, March 8, 1865.

SIR: I have the honor to recommend the following nominations for appointment in the Provisional Army of the Confederate States of America:

Commissary—major.

R. N. Lowrance, of South Carolina, to be major, for duty with Kershaw's division, Army of Northern Virginia (an original vacancy), to rank from March 4, 1865.

Assistant commissary—captain.

H. S. Reynolds, of Virginia, to be captain, report to Major Noland, chief commissary of Virginia, for assignment to duty, to rank from March 2, 1865.

I am, sir, respectfully, your obedient servant,

JOHN C. BRECKINRIDGE,
Secretary of War.

To His Excellency JEFFERSON DAVIS,
President, etc.

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT, CONFEDERATE STATES OF AMERICA,
Richmond, March 11, 1865.

To the Senate of the Confederate States:

Agreeably to the recommendation of the Secretary of War, I nominate the officers on the accompanying list to the grades affixed to their names, respectively.

JEFFERSON DAVIS.

No. 257.] WAR DEPARTMENT, CONFEDERATE STATES OF AMERICA,
Richmond, March 8, 1865.

SIR: I have the honor to recommend the following nominations for appointment in the Provisional Army of the Confederate States of America (for distinguished valor and skill):

Captain.

J. W. Squyres, of Texas, to be captain Company D, Fifth Texas Cavalry Regiment, vice Captain Richards, resigned, to rank from February 23, 1865.

Second lieutenant.

V. C. Dibble, of South Carolina, to be second lieutenant Company A, Fifth South Carolina Cavalry Regiment, vice Lieutenant Smoke, deceased, to rank from March 3, 1865.

I am, sir, respectfully, your obedient servant,

JOHN C. BRECKINRIDGE,
Secretary of War.

To His Excellency JEFFERSON DAVIS,
President, etc.

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT, CONFEDERATE STATES OF AMERICA,
Richmond, March 11, 1865.

To the Senate of the Confederate States:

Agreeably to the recommendation of the Secretary of War, I nominate the officers on the accompanying list to the grades affixed to their names, respectively.

JEFFERSON D. VIS.

No. 258.]

WAR DEPARTMENT, CONFEDERATE STATES OF AMERICA,
Richmond, March 8, 1865.

SIR: I have the honor to recommend the following nominations for appointment in the Provisional Army of the Confederate States of America:

Captains.

John W. Galloway, of North Carolina, to be captain Coast Guards (unattached), vice Captain Galloway, sr., deceased (the officers entitled to promotion waiving claims), to rank from March 4, 1865.

M. Durham, of North Carolina, to be captain Durham's Company Senior Reserves, from Orange County, N. C., vice Captain Laws, resigned (the officers entitled to promotion waiving claims), to rank from March 4, 1865.

I am, sir, respectfully, your obedient servant,

JOHN C. BRECKINRIDGE,
Secretary of War.

To His Excellency JEFFERSON DAVIS,
President, &c.

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT, CONFEDERATE STATES OF AMERICA,
Richmond, March 11, 1865.

To the Senate of the Confederate States:

Agreeably to the recommendation of the Secretary of War, I nominate Capt. J. W. Green, of ———, to be promoted to quartermaster, with the rank of major in the Provisional Army of the Confederate States of America.

JEFFERSON DAVIS.

No. 259.]

WAR DEPARTMENT, CONFEDERATE STATES OF AMERICA,
Richmond, March 8, 1865.

SIR: I have the honor to recommend the nomination of Capt. John W. Green, of ———, to be promoted to quartermaster, with the rank of major in the Provisional Army of the Confederate States of America, report for duty to Major Cole, Chief of Field Transportation, to rank from March 2, 1865.

I am, sir, respectfully, your obedient servant,

JOHN C. BRECKINRIDGE,
Secretary of War.

To His Excellency JEFFERSON DAVIS,
President, &c.

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT, CONFEDERATE STATES OF AMERICA,
Richmond, March 11, 1865.

To the Senate of the Confederate States:

Agreeably to the recommendation of the Secretary of War, I nominate J. H. Beck, of ———, to be quartermaster, with the rank of major in the Provisional Army of the Confederate States of America.

JEFFERSON DAVIS.

No. 261.]

WAR DEPARTMENT, CONFEDERATE STATES OF AMERICA,
Richmond, March 8, 1865.

SIR: I have the honor to recommend the nomination of J. H. Beck, of ———, to be quartermaster, with the rank of major in the Provisional Army of the Confederate States of America, for duty with Cavalry Corps, Trans-Mississippi Department, commanded by Major-General Wharton, to rank from March 2, 1865.

I am, sir, respectfully, your obedient servant,

JOHN C. BRECKINRIDGE,
Secretary of War.

To His Excellency JEFFERSON DAVIS,
President, &c.

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT, CONFEDERATE STATES OF AMERICA,
Richmond, March 11, 1865.

To the Senate of the Confederate States:

Agreeably to the recommendation of the Secretary of War, I hereby nominate Maj. Gen. Stephen D. Lee, to be lieutenant-general, with temporary rank, in the Provisional Army of the Confederate States.

JEFFERSON DAVIS.

No. 242.]

WAR DEPARTMENT, CONFEDERATE STATES OF AMERICA,
Richmond, March 3, 1865.

SIR: I have the honor to recommend the nomination of Maj. Gen. Stephen D. Lee, of South Carolina, to be lieutenant-general, with temporary rank (under act approved May 31, 1864), in the Provisional Army of the Confederate States of America, to rank from June 23, 1864.

I am, sir, respectfully, your obedient servant,

JOHN C. BRECKINRIDGE,
Secretary of War.

To His Excellency JEFFERSON DAVIS,
President, &c.

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT, CONFEDERATE STATES OF AMERICA,
*Richmond, March 11, 1865.**To the Senate of the Confederate States:*

Agreeably to the recommendation of the Secretary of War, I nominate the officers on the accompanying list to the grades affixed to their names, respectively.

JEFFERSON DAVIS.

No. 256.]

WAR DEPARTMENT, CONFEDERATE STATES OF AMERICA,
Richmond, March 8, 1865.

SIR: I have the honor to recommend the following nominations for appointment in the Provisional Army of the Confederate States of America:

First lieutenants—adjutants.

M. L. Mikell, of South Carolina, to be adjutant Nineteenth South Carolina Battalion of Cavalry (an original vacancy), to rank from March 7, 1865.

A. J. Costin, of North Carolina, to be adjutant Tenth North Carolina Battalion of Artillery (an original vacancy), to rank from March 4, 1865.

Henry C. Wade, of Virginia, to be adjutant Fifty-fourth Virginia Regiment, vice Lieutenant Hammet, killed, to rank from February 8, 1865.

G. C. Greenway, of Virginia, to be adjutant Fifty-first Virginia Regiment, vice Lieutenant Findlay, resigned, to rank from February 25, 1865.

I am, sir, respectfully, your obedient servant,

JOHN C. BRECKINRIDGE,
Secretary of War.

To His Excellency JEFFERSON DAVIS,
President, &c.

The messages were severally read.

Ordered, That they be referred to the Committee on Military Affairs.

On motion by Mr. Maxwell,

The Senate resolved into open legislative session.

MONDAY, MARCH 13, 1865.

OPEN SESSION.

On motion by Mr. Johnson of Missouri,

Ordered, That the President pro tempore appoint two additional members on the Committee on Claims; and

Mr. Oldham and Mr. Watson were appointed.

Mr. Walker, from the Committee on the Judiciary, to whom was referred the joint resolution (H. R. 31) respecting a census, reported it without amendment.

The Senate proceeded, as in Committee of the Whole, to the consideration of the said resolution; and no amendment being proposed, it was reported to the Senate.

Ordered, That it pass to a third reading.

The said resolution was read the third time.

Resolved, That it pass.

Ordered, That the Secretary inform the House of Representatives thereof.

Mr. Oldham, from the Committee on Post-Offices and Post-Roads, to whom was referred the bill (H. R. 428) to authorize the Postmaster-General to purchase United States postage stamps for certain purposes, reported it without amendment.

The Senate proceeded, as in Committee of the Whole, to the consideration of the said bill; and no amendment being proposed, it was reported to the Senate.

Ordered, That it pass to a third reading.

The said bill was read the third time.

Resolved, That it pass.

Ordered, That the Secretary inform the House of Representatives thereof.

Mr. Semmes, from the Committee on Finance, to whom was referred the bill (H. R. 430) to amend an act to reduce the currency and to authorize a new issue of notes and bonds, approved February 17, 1864, reported it with an amendment.

The Senate proceeded, as in Committee of the Whole, to the consideration of the said bill; and the reported amendment having been agreed to, the bill was reported to the Senate and the amendment was concurred in.

Ordered, That the bill pass to a third reading.

The said bill was read the third time.

On the question.

Shall the bill now pass?

It was determined in the negative,	Yea	6
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On motion by Mr. Oldham,

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present,
Those who voted in the affirmative are,

Messrs. Barnwell, Graham, Maxwell, Orr, Semmes, and Walker.

Those who voted in the negative are,

Messrs. Brown, Caperton, Henry, Hunter, Johnson of Georgia, Johnson of Missouri, Oldham, Simms, Vest, Watson, and Wigfall.

So it was

Resolved, That this bill do not pass.

Ordered, That the Secretary inform the House of Representatives thereof.

A message from the House of Representatives, by Mr. Dalton:

Mr. President: The House of Representatives have passed bills of the following titles; in which they request the concurrence of the Senate:

H. R. 418. An act relative to the impressment of slaves; and

H. R. 431. An act for the relief of the officers and employees of the Treasury Note Bureau.

And they have passed bills of the Senate of the following titles:

S. 205. An act for the relief of David Moore, Daniel Moore, and Mrs. Mary R. Alexander; and

S. 224. An act to limit the issue of forage.

The bill first named with amendments; in which they request the concurrence of the Senate.

The House of Representatives having proceeded, in pursuance of the Constitution, to reconsider the bill (S. 194) entitled "An act to provide for promotion of officers in certain cases," returned to the Senate by the President of the Confederate States, with his objections, and sent by the Senate to the House of Representatives, with the message of the President returning the bill,

Resolved, That the bill do not pass, two-thirds of the members present not voting therefor.

The President of the Confederate States has notified the House of Representatives that on the 8th instant he approved and signed the following acts:

H. R. 266. An act to amend post route No. 1649, in the State of Georgia;

H. R. 395. An act to regulate the compensation of the State collector of Virginia;

H. R. 397. An act to provide for the payment of the amounts due certain officers and privates who are prisoners of war; and

H. R. 398. An act making an appropriation for the purchase of a percussion-cap pressing machine.

The Speaker of the House of Representatives having signed sundry enrolled bills and enrolled joint resolutions, I am directed to bring them to the Senate for the signature of their President.

Mr. Semmes, from the Committee on Finance, to whom was referred the bill (H. R. 429) making appropriations for the support of the Government of the Confederate States of America from July 1 to December 31, 1865, and to supply deficiencies, reported it with amendments.

The Senate proceeded, as in Committee of the Whole, to the consideration of the said bill; and the reported amendments having been agreed to, the bill was reported to the Senate and the amendments were concurred in.

Ordered, That the amendments be engrossed and the bill read a third time.

The said bill as amended was read the third time.

Resolved, That it pass with amendments.

Ordered, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the House of Representatives in the amendments.

The Senate proceeded to consider the motion submitted by Mr. Barnwell on Saturday last, to reconsider the vote on passing the bill (H. R. 420) to provide for the payment of arrears now due to the Army and Navy; and

The motion was not agreed to.

A message from the President of the Confederate States, by Mr. B. N. Harrison, his Secretary:

Mr. President: The President of the Confederate States, on the 9th instant, approved and signed an act (S. 220) to increase the salary of the assistant treasurer at Charleston, S. C.

Ordered, That the Secretary inform the House of Representatives thereof.

The following messages were received from the President of the Confederate States, by Mr. B. N. Harrison, his Secretary:

To the Senate and House of Representatives of the Confederate States of America:

I have now under consideration the act entitled "An act to diminish the number of exemptions and details," which has passed both Houses, and was presented to me on Saturday, the 11th instant:

The act contains two provisions which would, in practice, so impair the efficiency of the service as to counterbalance, if not outweigh, the advantages that would result from the other clauses contained in it.

The third section exempts all skilled artisans and mechanics in the employment of the Government from all military service. A very important and indeed indispensable portion of our local defense troops consists of these mechanics and artisans. They amount to many thousands in the Confederacy, and while they are and should remain exempt from general service, no good cause is perceived why they should not, like all other citizens capable of bearing arms, be organized for local defense and be ready to defend the localities in which they are respectively employed against sudden raids and incursions. If exempt from this local service, it will be necessary to detach in many cases troops from the armies in the field to guard the towns and workshops where they are employed. It is believed that if this provision become a law, the gain of strength resulting from the repeal of other exemptions

enacted by the first section of the law would be more than counterbalanced by the loss of this local force.

The second provision to which I refer is that which revokes all details and exemptions heretofore granted by the President and Secretary of War, and prohibits the grant of such exemptions and details hereafter. There is little hazard in saying that such a provision could not be executed without so disorganizing the public service as to produce very injurious results. In every department of the Government, in every branch of the service throughout the country, there are duties to be performed which can not be discharged except by men instructed and trained in their performance. Long experience makes them experts. Their services become, in their peculiar sphere of duty, worth to the country greatly more than any they could possibly render in the field. Some of them it would be impossible immediately to replace.

The Treasury expert who detects a forged note at a glance; the accounting officer whose long experience makes him a living repository of the rules and precedents which guard the Treasury from frauds; the superintendent of the manufacturing establishments of the Government which supply shoes, harness, wagons, ambulances, etc., for the Army; the employees who have been specially trained in the distribution and subdivision of mail matter among the various routes by which it is to reach its destination, are among the instances that are afforded by the daily experience of executive officers. To withdraw from the public service at once, and without any means of replacing them, the very limited number of experts, believed to be less than one hundred, who are affected by the bill, is to throw the whole machinery of government into confusion and disorder, at a period when none who are not engaged in executive duties can have an adequate idea of the difficulties by which they are already embarrassed.

The desire of the Executive and Secretary of War to obtain for the Army the services of every man available for the public defense can hardly be doubted; and Congress may be assured that nothing but imperative public necessity could induce the exercise of any discretion vested in them to retain men out of the Army. But no government can be administered without vesting some discretion in executive officers in the application of general rules to classes of the population. Individual exceptions exist to all such rules in the very nature of things, and these exceptions can not be provided for by legislation in advance. I earnestly hope that Congress will pass an amendment to the act now under consideration, in accordance with the foregoing recommendations, so that I may be able, by signing both the act and amendment, to secure unimpaired benefit from the proposed legislation.

JEFFERSON DAVIS.

EXECUTIVE OFFICE, *Richmond, March 13, 1865.*

To the Senate and House of Representatives of the Confederate States:

I have returned, with my approval, the act entitled "An act to regulate the business of conscription." There is, however, one section of the act which seems to me to threaten injury to the service, unless essentially modified.

The eighth section provides that there shall be in each Congressional district "a medical board composed of three surgeons, who, after due notice of the time and place of their meeting, shall visit each county of their district at least once in three months, and shall examine for discharge, or recommendation for light duty, all conscripts who have been furloughed under the provisions of the preceding section. Every discharge granted by said medical board shall be final, and shall relieve the party from all military service in the future, when the disability is permanent and the cause of it is set forth in the certificate."

It is greatly to be feared that under the terms of this section considerable numbers of men will be finally discharged from military service while competent to aid in the defense of their country. The terms of the law do not require that the disability shall be *total* as well as *permanent* in order to entitle the soldier to his discharge. The loss of a limb or stiffness of a joint, or even the loss of the dexter forefinger, lameness, nearsightedness, partial deafness, are instances of disability, permanent but not total, and which may well exist without rendering the individual incompetent to perform valuable service in posts, garrisons, or even in active operations.

The number of surgeons required for the duty imposed by this section would be about 150, in addition to the local physicians. We have no medical officers to spare from attendance on the troops and in hospitals, so that it would be necessary to appoint this number of new officers, who would generally be drawn from men in active service in the field. After the first visit to the different counties, these officers would have so little to do as to be practically supernumeraries supported by the Government at great cost and with the loss of their services in the field. Of the three surgeons who are to compose the board, only two are to be public officers; so that

any resident physician of a county, in connection with a single army surgeon, would have power by action from which there is no appeal to discharge permanently from service any inhabitant of the county in which he practices his profession. When we consider the strong opposition manifested in many districts of country to the system of conscription, and the many influences which are resorted to by those who seek to escape service, there is much cause to fear that the effect of these provisions will be to deplete our reduced forces to a serious extent, and I hope it will be the pleasure of Congress to repeal this section or materially to modify its provisions.

JEFFERSON DAVIS.

EXECUTIVE OFFICE, *Richmond, March 13, 1865.*

The messages were severally read.

Ordered, That they be referred to the Committee on Military Affairs.

The bills received this day from the House of Representatives for concurrence were severally read the first and second times; and

Ordered, That the bill numbered 418 be referred to the Committee on the Judiciary and the bill numbered 431 to the Committee on Finance.

The Senate proceeded to consider the amendments of the House of Representatives to the bill (S. 205) for the relief of David Moore, Daniel Moore, and Mrs. Mary R. Alexander; and

Resolved, That they concur therein.

Ordered, That the Secretary inform the House of Representatives thereof.

Mr. Caperton (by leave) introduced

A bill (S. 225) to amend the tenth section of the act entitled "An act to organize forces to serve during the war;" which was read the first and second times and referred to the Committee on Military Affairs.

On motion by Mr. Johnson of Missouri,

The Senate resolved into secret legislative session.

The doors having been opened,

The following message was received from the House of Representatives, by Mr. Dalton:

Mr. President: The House of Representatives have passed bills of the following titles; in which they request the concurrence of the Senate:

H. R. 174. An act for the relief of Maj. John Reid, of Missouri; and

H. R. 434. An act to amend an act entitled "An act to diminish the number of exemptions and details."

And they have passed bills of the Senate of the following titles:

S. 172. An act to extend an act entitled "An act to graduate the pay of general officers," approved June 10, 1864; and

S. 181. An act to amend the law in relation to impressments.

The Speaker of the House of Representatives having signed sundry enrolled bills, I am directed to bring them to the Senate for the signature of their President.

The residue of the bills received this day from the House of Representatives for concurrence were severally read the first and second times; and

Ordered, That the bill numbered 174 be referred to the Committee on Claims and the bill numbered 434 to the Committee on Military Affairs.

Mr. Semmes, from the Committee on Finance, to whom was referred the bill (H. R. 431) for the relief of the officers and employees of the Treasury Note Bureau, reported it with an amendment.

The Senate proceeded, as in Committee of the Whole, to the consideration of the said bill; and the reported amendment having been agreed to, the bill was reported to the Senate and the amendment was concurred in.

Ordered, That the amendment be engrossed and the bill read a third time.

The said bill as amended was read the third time.

Resolved, That it pass with an amendment.

Ordered, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the House of Representatives in the amendment.

Mr. Caperton, from the committee, reported that they had examined and found truly enrolled bills and joint resolutions of the following titles:

S. 199. An act to change the time for the assembling of Congress for its next regular session;

S. 216. An act to appropriate money to pay the Missouri State Guard;

S. 217. An act in relation to printing and binding, in pamphlet form, the acts, resolutions, and treaties adopted at each session of Congress;

S. 222. An act supplemental to an act approved on the 4th day of March, 1865, entitled "An act to authorize the commanders of the reserves in each State to order general courts-martial and to revise the proceedings of courts-martial and military courts;"

S. 223. An act for the relief of the Exchange Bank of Virginia;

S. 35. Joint resolution providing for donations to the Treasury of the Confederate States;

S. 37. Joint resolution of thanks to Lieut. Gen. Wade Hampton;

H. R. 307. An act authorizing the Secretary of the Treasury to borrow specie, to be applied to the redemption and reduction of the currency;

H. R. 324. An act to authorize the appointment of certain tax officers for the Trans-Mississippi Department;

H. R. 367. An act to increase the military force of the Confederate States;

H. R. 384. An act for the relief of bonded agriculturists in certain cases;

H. R. 385. An act making additional appropriations for the support of the Government of the Confederate States of America from January 1 to June 30, 1865;

H. R. 387. An act to amend an act entitled "An act to establish and organize two bureaus in connection with the agency of the Treasury," etc., approved February 17, 1864, and to provide for the more efficient organization of the agency of the Treasury for the Trans-Mississippi Department;

H. R. 390. An act for the relief of taxpayers in certain cases;

H. R. 394. An act to authorize the President to appoint a commissioner to take proof as to expenditures made by the State of Tennessee for the benefit of the Confederacy previous to the transfer of her troops to the Confederate Government;

H. R. 401. An act to amend and extend the provisions of an act entitled "An act fixing the salaries of certain civil officers in the Trans-Mississippi Department," approved February 18, 1865;

H. R. 402. An act to make rules concerning captures on land;

H. R. 405. An act to establish certain post routes therein named;

H. R. 406. An act to amend the acts to regulate the assessment and collection of taxes in kind;

H. R. 416. An act to increase the compensation of tax collectors and assessors in the cities of Richmond and Petersburg;

H. R. 423. An act to prevent improper communication of intelligence to the enemy;

H. R. 424. An act for furnishing bagging and rope for the packing of tithe cotton; and

H. R. 425. An act to authorize the settlement of the claim of the State of North Carolina for expenses incurred in executing the acts of Congress to further provide for the public defense, and to organize forces to serve during the war.

The President pro tempore having signed the enrolled bills and enrolled joint resolutions last reported to have been examined, they were delivered to the Secretary of the Senate and by him forthwith presented to the President of the Confederate States for his approval.

Mr. Walker, from the Committee on the Judiciary, to whom was referred the bill (H. R. 341) requiring suit to be brought against persons connected with the Cotton Bureau and Cotton Office in the Trans-Mississippi Department, reported it without amendment.

The Senate proceeded, as in Committee of the Whole, to the consideration of the said bill; and no amendment being proposed, it was reported to the Senate.

Ordered, That it pass to a third reading.

The said bill was read the third time.

Resolved, That it pass.

Ordered, That the Secretary inform the House of Representatives thereof.

Mr. Wigfall, from the Committee on Military Affairs, to whom was referred the bill (S. 225) to amend the tenth section of the act entitled "An act to organize forces to serve during the war," reported it without amendment.

The Senate proceeded, as in Committee of the Whole, to the consideration of the said bill; and no amendment being proposed, it was reported to the Senate.

Ordered, That it be engrossed and read a third time.

The said bill was read the third time.

Resolved, That it pass, and that the title thereof be as aforesaid.

Ordered, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the House of Representatives therein.

On motion by Mr. Semmes,

The vote by which the Senate refused to pass to a third reading the bill (H. R. 419) to amend an act providing for the establishment and payment of claims for a certain description of property taken or informally impressed for the use of the Army, approved 14th June, 1864, was reconsidered.

The Senate resumed, as in Committee of the Whole, the consideration of the said bill; and having been amended on the motion of Mr. Semmes, the bill was reported to the Senate and the amendments were concurred in.

Ordered, That the amendments be engrossed and the bill read a third time.

The said bill as amended was read the third time.

Resolved, That it pass with amendments.

Ordered, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the House of Representatives in the amendments.

Mr. Watson, from the Committee on Claims, to whom were referred the joint resolution (H. R. 35) for the relief of Stephen B. Mar-

shall, jr., tax collector of Putnam County, Ga., and the joint resolution (H. R. 36) for the relief of William C. Hagan, reported them severally, without amendment.

The Senate proceeded, as in Committee of the Whole, to the consideration of the said resolutions; and no amendment being proposed, they were severally reported to the Senate.

Ordered, That they pass to a third reading.

The said resolutions were severally read the third time.

Resolved, That they pass.

Ordered, That the Secretary inform the House of Representatives thereof.

Mr. Watson, from the Committee on Claims, to whom was referred the bill (H. R. 174) for the relief of Maj. John Reid, of Missouri, reported it without amendment.

The Senate proceeded, as in Committee of the Whole, to the consideration of the said bill; and no amendment being proposed, it was reported to the Senate.

Ordered, That it pass to a third reading.

The said bill was read the third time.

Resolved, That it pass.

Ordered, That the Secretary inform the House of Representatives thereof.

On motion by Mr. Graham,

The Senate adjourned.

SECRET SESSION.

A message from the House of Representatives, by Mr. Dalton:

Mr. President: The House of Representatives have passed a bill (H. R. 426) to provide for the safety of the archives of the Government, and for the assembling of Congress at any place other than the seat of government; in which they request the concurrence of the Senate.

The bill (H. R. 426) last mentioned was read the first and second times and considered as in Committee of the Whole; and no amendment being proposed, it was reported to the Senate.

Ordered, That it pass to a third reading.

The said bill was read the third time.

Resolved, That it pass.

Ordered, That the Secretary inform the House of Representatives thereof.

A message from the President of the Confederate States, by Mr. B. N. Harrison, his Secretary:

Mr. President: The President of the Confederate States, on the 9th instant, approved and signed an act (S. 218) to authorize the removal of the Naval School.

Ordered, That the Secretary inform the House of Representatives thereof.

A message from the House of Representatives, by Mr. Dalton:

Mr. President: The President of the Confederate States having returned to the House of Representatives the bill (H. R. 392) entitled "An act to provide transportation for Senators, Representatives, and Delegates in Congress to their respective places of residence, and to increase, for a limited time, their salaries," with his objections to the same, the House proceeded to reconsider the bill; and

Resolved, That the bill do not pass, two-thirds of the members present not voting therefor.

The President of the Confederate States has notified the House of Representatives that on the 9th instant he approved and signed an act (H. R. 417) to increase, for a limited period, the compensation and mileage of Senators, Representatives, and Delegates in Congress, and the compensation of the officers of both Houses of Congress.

The following message was received from the President of the Confederate States, by Mr. B. N. Harrison, his Secretary:

To the Senate and House of Representatives of the Confederate States of America:

When informed on Thursday last that it was the intention of Congress to adjourn sine die on the ensuing Saturday, I deemed it my duty to request a postponement of the adjournment in order that I might submit for your consideration certain matters of public interest, which are now laid before you. When that request was made the most important measures that had occupied your attention during the session had not been so far advanced as to be submitted for Executive action; and the state of the country had been so materially affected by the events of the last four months as to evince the necessity of further and more energetic legislation than was contemplated in November last.

Our country is now environed with perils which it is our duty calmly to contemplate. Thus alone can the measures necessary to avert threatened calamities be wisely devised and efficiently enforced.

Recent military operations of the enemy have been successful in the capture of some of our seaports, in interrupting some of our lines of communication, and in devastating large districts of our country. These events have had the natural effect of encouraging our foes and dispiriting many of our people. The capital of the Confederate States is now threatened, and is in greater danger than it has heretofore been during the war.

The fact is stated, without reserve or concealment, as due to the people whose servants we are, and in whose courage and constancy entire trust is reposed; as due to you, in whose wisdom and resolute spirit the people have confided for the adoption of the measures required to guard them from threatened perils.

While stating to you that our country is in danger, I desire also to state my deliberate conviction that it is within our power to avert the calamities which menace us, and to secure the triumph of the sacred cause for which so much sacrifice has been made, so much suffering endured, so many precious lives been lost. This result is to be obtained by fortitude, by courage, by constancy in enduring the sacrifices still needed; in a word, by the prompt and resolute devotion of the whole resources of men and money in the Confederacy to the achievement of our liberties and independence. The measures now required, to be successful, should be prompt. Long deliberation and protracted debate over important measures are not only natural, but laudable in representative assemblies, under ordinary circumstances; but in moments of danger, when action becomes urgent, the delay thus caused is itself a new source of peril. Thus it has unfortunately happened that some of the measures passed by you in pursuance of the recommendations contained in my message of November last, have been so retarded as to lose much of their value, or have, for the same reason, been abandoned after being matured, because no longer applicable to our altered condition; and others have not been brought under examination. In making these remarks, it is far from my intention to attribute the loss of time to any other cause than those inherent in deliberative assemblies, but only urgently to recommend prompt action upon the measures now submitted.

We need, for carrying on the war successfully, men and supplies for the Army. We have both within our country sufficient to obtain success.

To obtain the supplies, it is necessary to protect productive districts and guard our lines of communication by an increase in the number of our forces; and hence it results, that with a large augmentation in the number of men in the Army, the facility of supplying the troops would be greater than with our present reduced strength.

For the purchase of the supplies now required, especially for the armies in Virginia and North Carolina, the Treasury must be provided with means; and a modification in the impressment law is required. It has been ascertained by examination that we have within our reach a sufficiency of what is most needed for the Army, without having recourse to the ample provision existing in those parts of the Confederacy with which our communication has been partially interrupted by hostile operations. But in some districts, from which supplies are to be drawn, the inhabitants being either within the enemy's lines, or in very close proximity, are unable to make use of Confederate Treasury notes for the purchase of articles of prime necessity, and it is necessary that, to some extent, coin be paid, in order to obtain supplies. It is therefore recommended that Congress devise the means for making available

the coin within the Confederacy, for the purpose of supplying the Army. The officers of the supply departments report that with \$2,000,000 in coin, the armies in Virginia and North Carolina can be amply supplied for the remainder of the year; and the knowledge of this fact should suffice to insure the adoption of the measures necessary to obtain this moderate sum.

The impressment law, as it now exists, prohibits the public officers from impressing supplies without making payment of the valuation at the time of impressment. The limit fixed for the issue of Treasury notes has been nearly reached, and the Treasury can not always furnish the funds necessary for prompt payment; while the law for raising revenue, which would have afforded means for diminishing, if not removing, this difficulty, was unfortunately delayed for several months, and has just been signed. In this condition of things, it is impossible to supply the Army, although ample stores may exist in the country, whenever the owners refuse to give credit to the public officer. It is necessary that this restriction on the power of impressment be removed. The power is admitted to be objectionable, liable to abuse, and unequal in its operations on individuals. Yet all these objections must yield to absolute necessity. It is also suggested that the system of valuation now established ought to be radically changed. The legislation requires, in such cases of impressment, that the market price be paid; but there is really no market price in many cases, and the valuation is made arbitrarily and in a depreciated currency. The result is that the most extravagant prices are fixed, such as no one expects ever to be paid in coin. None believe that the Government can ever redeem in coin the obligation to pay \$50 a bushel for corn, or \$700 a barrel for flour. It would seem to be more just and appropriate to estimate the supplies impressed at their value in coin, to give the obligation of the Government for the payment of the price in coin, with reasonable interest, or at the option of the creditor, to return in kind the wheat or corn impressed, with a reasonable interest, also payable in kind, and to make the obligations thus issued receivable for all payments due in coin to the Government. Whatever be the value attached by Congress to these suggestions, it is hoped that there will be no hesitation in so changing the law as to render it possible to supply the Army, in case of necessity for the impressment of provisions for that purpose.

The measure adopted to raise revenue, though liberal in its provisions, being clearly inadequate to meet the arrear of debt and the current expenditure, some degree of embarrassment in the management of the finances must continue to be felt. It is to be regretted, I think, that the recommendation of the Secretary of the Treasury, of a tax on agricultural income, equal to the augmented tax on other incomes, payable in Treasury notes, was rejected by Congress. This tax would have contributed materially to facilitate the purchase of provisions and diminish the necessity that is now felt for a supply of coin.

The measures passed by Congress during the session for recruiting the Army and supplying the additional force needed for the public defense, have been in my judgment insufficient, and I am impelled by a profound conviction of duty, and stimulated by a sense of the perils which surround our country, to urge upon you additional legislation on this subject.

The bill for employing negroes as soldiers has not yet reached me, though the printed journals of your proceedings inform me of its passage. Much benefit is anticipated from this measure, though far less than would have resulted from its adoption at an earlier date, so as to afford time for their organization and instruction during the winter months.

The bill for diminishing the number of exemptions has just been made the subject of a special message, and its provisions are such as would add no strength to the Army. The recommendation to abolish all class exemptions has not met your favor, although still deemed by me a valuable and important measure; and the number of men exempted by a new clause in the act just passed is believed to be quite equal to that of those whose exemption is revoked. A law of a few lines, repealing all class exemptions would not only strengthen the forces in the field, but be still more beneficial, by abating the natural discontent and jealousy created in the Army by the existence of classes privileged by law to remain in places of safety while their fellow-citizens are exposed in the trenches and the field.

The measure most needed, however, at the present time, for affording an effective increase to our military strength, is a general militia law, such as the Constitution authorizes Congress to pass, by granting to it power "to provide for organizing, arming, and disciplining the militia, and for governing such part of them as may be employed in the service of the Confederate States;" and the further power "to provide for calling forth the militia to execute the laws of the Confederate States, sup-

press insurrections, and repel invasions." The necessity for the exercise of this power can never exist, if not in the circumstances which now surround us.

The security of the States against any encroachment by the Confederate Government is amply provided by the Constitution, by "reserving to the States, respectively, the appointment of the officers, and the authority of training the militia, according to the discipline prescribed by Congress."

A law is needed to prescribe not only how and of what persons the militia are to be organized, but to provide the mode of calling them out. If instances be required to show the necessity for such general law, it is sufficient to mention, that in one case I have been informed by the governor of the State that the law does not permit him to call the militia from one county for service in another, so that a single brigade of the enemy could traverse the State, and devastate each county in turn, without any power on the part of the executive to use the militia for effective defense; while in another State the executive refused to allow the militia "to be employed in the service of the Confederate States," in the absence of a law for that purpose.

I have heretofore, in a confidential message to the two Houses, stated the facts which induced me to consider it necessary that the privilege of the writ of habeas corpus should be suspended. The conviction of the necessity of this measure has become deeper as the events of the struggle have been developed. Congress has not concurred with me in opinion. It is my duty to say that the time has arrived when the suspension of the writ is not simply advisable and expedient, but almost indispensable to the successful conduct of the war. On Congress must rest the responsibility of declining to exercise a power conferred by the Constitution as a means of public safety, to be used in periods of national peril resulting from foreign invasion. If our present circumstances are not such as were contemplated when this power was conferred, I confess myself at a loss to imagine any contingency in which this clause of the Constitution will not remain a dead letter.

With the prompt adoption of the measures above recommended, and the united and hearty cooperation of Congress and the people in the execution of the laws and the defense of the country, we may enter upon the present campaign with cheerful confidence in the result. And who can doubt the continued existence of that spirit and fortitude in the people, and of that constancy under reverses, which alone are needed to render our triumph secure? What other resource remains available but the undying, unconquerable resolve to be free?

It has become certain, beyond all doubt or question, that we must continue this struggle to a successful issue, or must make abject and unconditional submission to such terms as it shall please the conqueror to impose on us, after our surrender. If a possible doubt could exist, after the conference between our commissioners and Mr. Lincoln, as recently reported to you, it would be dispelled by a recent occurrence, of which it is proper that you should be informed.

Congress will remember that in the conference above referred to, our commissioners were informed that the Government of the United States would not enter into any agreement or treaty whatever with the Confederate States, nor with any single State; that the only possible mode of obtaining peace was by laying down our arms, disbanding our forces, and yielding unconditional obedience to the laws of the United States, including those passed for the confiscation of our property, and the constitutional amendment for the abolition of slavery. It will further be remembered that Mr. Lincoln declared that the only terms on which hostilities could cease, were those stated in his message of December last, in which we were informed that in the event of our penitent submission, he would temper justice with mercy, and that the question whether we would be governed as dependent territories, or permitted to have a representation in their Congress, was one on which he could promise nothing, but which would be decided by their Congress after our submission had been accepted.

It has not, however, been hitherto stated to you, that in the course of the conference at Fortress Monroe, a suggestion was made by one of our commissioners that the objection entertained by Mr. Lincoln to treating with the Government of the Confederacy, or with any separate State, might be avoided, by substituting for the usual mode of negotiating through commissioners or other diplomatic agents, the method sometimes employed, of a military convention, to be entered into by the commanding generals of the armies of the two belligerents. This he admitted was a power possessed by him, though it was not thought commensurate with all the questions involved. As he did not accept the suggestion when made, he was afterwards requested to reconsider his conclusion upon the subject of a suspension of hostilities, which he agreed to do, but said that he had maturely considered of the plan, and had determined that it could not be done.

Subsequently, however, an interview with General Longstreet was asked for by

General Ord, commanding the enemy's Army of the James, during which General Longstreet was informed by him that there was a possibility of arriving at a satisfactory adjustment of the present unhappy difficulties, by means of a military convention; and that if General Lee desired an interview on the subject, it would not be declined, provided General Lee had authority to act. This communication was supposed to be the consequence of the suggestion above referred to, and General Lee, according to instructions, wrote to General Grant on the 2d of this month, proposing to meet him for conference on the subject, and stating that he was vested with the requisite authority. General Grant's reply stated that he had no authority to accede to the proposed conference; that his power extended only to making a convention on subjects purely of a military character, and that General Ord could only have meant that an interview would not be refused on any subject on which he (General Grant) had the right to act.

It thus appears that neither with the Confederate authorities nor the authorities of any State, nor through the commanding generals, will the Government of the United States treat or make any terms or agreement whatever for the cessation of hostilities. There remains, then, for us no choice but to continue the contest to a final issue—for the people of the Confederacy can be but little known to him who supposes it possible they would ever consent to purchase, at the cost of degradation and slavery, permission to live in a country garrisoned by their own negroes and governed by officers sent by the conqueror to rule over them.

Having thus fully placed before you the information requisite to enable you to judge of the state of the country, the dangers to which we are exposed, and the measures of legislation needed for averting them, it remains for me but to invoke your attention to the consideration of those means by which, above all others, we may hope to escape the calamities that would result from our failure. Prominent above all others is the necessity for earnest and cordial cooperation between all departments of government, State and Confederate, and all eminent citizens throughout the Confederacy. To you especially, as Senators and Representatives, do the people look for encouragement and counsel. To your action, not only in legislative halls, but in your homes, will their eyes be turned for the example of what is befitting men who, by willing sacrifices on the altar of freedom, show that they are worthy to enjoy its blessings. I feel full confidence that you will concur with me in the conviction that your public duties will not be ended when you shall have closed the legislative labors of the session, but that your voice will be heard, cheering and encouraging the people to that persistent fortitude which they have hitherto displayed, and animating them by the manifestation of that serene confidence which in moments of public danger is the distinctive characteristic of the patriot who derives courage from his devotion to his country's destiny, and is thus enabled to inspire the like courage in others.

Thus united in a common and holy cause, rising above all selfish considerations, rendering all our means and faculties tributary to the country's welfare, let us bow submissively to the Divine will, and reverently invoke the blessing of our Heavenly Father, that as he protected and guided our sires when struggling in a similar cause, so he will enable us to guard safely our altars and our firesides, and maintain inviolate the political rights which we inherited.

JEFFERSON DAVIS.

RICHMOND, VA., *March 13, 1865.*

The message was read.

Ordered. That it be printed, in confidence, for the use of the Senate.

On motion by Mr. Semmes,

Ordered. That so much of the message as relates to military affairs be referred to the Committee on Military Affairs; that so much thereof as relates to the finances be referred to the Committee on Finance; that so much thereof as relates to impressments be referred to the Committee on the Judiciary; that so much thereof as relates to negotiations with the enemy be referred to the Committee on Foreign Relations, and that so much thereof as relates to the action of Congress during the present session be referred to a select committee of five members.

The Senate proceeded, by ballot, to the appointment of the said committee; and

Mr. Orr, Mr. Graham, Mr. Semmes, Mr. Caperton, and Mr. Watson were appointed.

On motion by Mr. Wigfall,

The Senate resolved into executive session.

EXECUTIVE SESSION.

Mr. Wigfall, from the Committee on Military Affairs, to whom were referred (on the 11th instant) the nominations of Y. M. Moody, to be brigadier-general; J. H. Beck, John W. Green, to be quartermasters, with the rank of major; R. N. Lowrance, to be commissary, with the rank of major; H. S. Reynolds, to be assistant commissary, with the rank of captain; John W. Galloway and M. Durham, to be captains; R. A. Wood, to be captain (for retirement under act approved January 27, 1865); J. W. Squires, to be captain, and V. C. Dibble, to be second lieutenant of cavalry; James P. Cox, to be aide-camp, with the rank of first lieutenant; and M. L. Mikell, A. J. Costin, Henry C. Wade, and G. C. Greenway, to be adjutants, with the rank of first lieutenant, reported, with a recommendation that all of said nominations be confirmed.

The Senate proceeded to consider said report; and in concurrence therewith, it was

Resolved, That the Senate do advise and consent to their appointment, agreeably to the nomination of the President.

The following message was received from the President of the Confederate States, by Mr. B. N. Harrison, his Secretary:

RICHMOND, VA., *March 13, 1865.*

To the Senate of the Confederate States:

I hereby nominate Henry D. Ogden, Clement R. Johns, and John D. Morris, to be commissioners, "to inquire and examine into the proceedings and transactions of the Cotton Bureau and Cotton Office in the Trans-Mississippi Department, and all transactions in cotton by or under military authority," as authorized by the joint resolution approved on the 11th instant.

JEFFERSON DAVIS.

The message was read.

Ordered, That it be referred to the Committee on Commerce.

The following message was received from the President of the Confederate States, by Mr. B. N. Harrison, his Secretary:

RICHMOND, VA., *March 13, 1865.*

To the Senate of the Confederate States:

Agreeably to the recommendation of the Secretary of the Treasury, I hereby nominate Col. George B. Hodge, to be Second Auditor of the Treasury.

JEFFERSON DAVIS.

TREASURY DEPARTMENT, CONFEDERATE STATES OF AMERICA,

Richmond, March 13, 1865.

To the PRESIDENT.

SIR: I have the honor to recommend the appointment of Col. George B. Hodge, of Kentucky, to be Second Auditor, Confederate States Treasury Department.

Very respectfully,

G. A. TRENHOLM,
Secretary of the Treasury.

The message was read.

Ordered, That it be referred to the Committee on Finance.

The following message was received from the President of the Confederate States, by Mr. B. N. Harrison, his Secretary:

RICHMOND, VA., March 11, 1865.

To the Senate of the Confederate States:

I have received a copy of your resolution of the 6th instant, as follows:

"Resolved, That the President be respectfully requested to inform the Senate why he only gives to aids-de-camp to general officers above the grade of brigadier-general the rank of first lieutenant in his nominations made to the Senate."

In response, I herewith transmit for your information a communication from the Secretary of War, covering a communication from the Hon. James A. Seddon, formerly Secretary of War, upon the same subject, in response to the resolution of the House of Representatives of November 8, 1864, as follows:

"Resolved, That the President be respectfully requested to inform this House whether any appointments have been made under the act entitled 'An act to provide and organize a general staff for armies in the field, to serve during the war,' approved June fourteenth, eighteen hundred and sixty-four, and if not, why have not such appointments been made in pursuance of said act."

The anticipation of amendatory legislation is set forth in the annexed report, together with the discretionary power vested in the Executive by the seventh section of the act referred to, has caused me, for the time being, not to make appointments under said act.

In the case of aids-de-camp, it has been the practice, because of their personal and confidential relations to their chief, to appoint upon his nomination. To this practice there seems to be no paramount objection while the rank of such officers is of the subaltern grade; but if they have high rank, for many and obvious considerations their selection can not be controlled by the personal preferences of the general whom they are to serve. But the suggested change in the mode of selection would impair the confidential relation which an aid should bear to his chief, and be an unwelcome task to the appointing power.

The nomination of aids-de-camp have for the above reasons been continued as heretofore, though the legislative amendment expected had not been made.

JEFFERSON DAVIS.

The message was read.

Ordered, That it be referred to the Committee on Military Affairs.

Mr. Oldham, from the Committee on Commerce, to whom was referred (on this day) the nominations of Henry D. Ogden, Clement R. Johns, and John D. Morris, to be commissioners "to inquire and examine into the proceedings and transactions of the Cotton Bureau and Cotton Office in the Trans-Mississippi Department, and all transactions in cotton by or under military authority," reported, with a recommendation that all of said nominations be confirmed.

The Senate proceeded to consider said report; and in concurrence therewith, it was

Resolved, That the Senate do advise and consent to their appointment, agreeably to the nomination of the President.

On motion by Mr. Vest,

The Senate resolved into open legislative session.

TUESDAY, MARCH 14, 1865.

OPEN SESSION.

A message from the House of Representatives, by Mr. Dalton:

Mr. President: The House of Representatives have passed a joint resolution (H. R. 37) of thanks to, and for the relief of, Maj. Gaspar Tochman, formerly of the Polish army; in which they request the concurrence of the Senate.

The House of Representatives have agreed to the amendments of the Senate to bills of the following titles:

H. R. 429. An act making appropriations for the support of the Government of the Confederate States of America from July 1 to December 31, 1865, and to supply deficiencies; and

H. R. 431. An act for the relief of the officers and employees of the Treasury Note Bureau.

The House of Representatives have passed a resolution rescinding the resolution fixing Tuesday, the 14th instant, as the time for the adjournment of the present session of Congress; in which they request the concurrence of the Senate.

The President of the Confederate States has notified the House of Representatives that on the 9th instant he approved and signed the following acts:

H. R. 244. An act to provide for the settlement of certain matters of account growing out of purchases of property, as alleged by the purchasers, for the use of the Government, by Payne & Co., in the State of Texas;

H. R. 288. An act authorizing the promotion of officers, noncommissioned officers, and privates for distinguished valor and skill, or for peculiar competency and general merit;

H. R. 294. An act to secure to sick and wounded officers the same rights and privileges in obtaining leaves of absence as are now provided by law for soldiers obtaining furloughs;

H. R. 295. An act authorizing hospital accommodations for treatment, including subsistence, to certain officers and soldiers resigned, retired, or discharged;

H. R. 320. An act to change the mode of filling vacancies among commissioned officers of companies, battalions, and regiments;

H. R. 347. An act to authorize and regulate the allowances of naval storekeepers;

H. R. 393. An act to provide for paying, in cotton, the annuities due the Seminole, Creek, Choctaw, and Chickasaw nations of Indians;

H. R. 404. An act further to amend the act to provide an invalid corps, approved February 17, 1864;

H. R. 407. An act to construe and declare more explicitly the meaning of an act to increase the compensation of the heads of the several Executive Departments and the Assistant Secretary of War and the Treasury and of the Assistant Attorney-General and the Comptroller of the Treasury and other officers therein named, approved June 14, 1864;

H. R. 408. An act regulating the compensation of Government officers, clerks, and employees in the city of Petersburg; and

H. R. 410. An act making an appropriation for the construction and repair of railroads for military purposes for the year 1865.

And that on the 11th instant he approved and signed the following acts and joint resolutions:

H. R. 258. An act to amend the act of February 7, 1863, so as to allow commutation to soldiers for the war who have received no furlough;

H. R. 343. An act providing for the auditing and payment of properly authenticated claims against the Cotton Bureau in the Trans-Mississippi Department;

H. R. 342. An act providing for the auditing and payment of certain properly authenticated claims;

H. R. 379. An act to levy additional taxes for the year 1865, for the support of the Government;

H. R. 415. An act making an appropriation to supply a deficiency in the War Department during the fiscal period ending December 31, 1864;

H. R. 22. Joint resolution in regard to the Cotton Bureau and cotton transactions in the Trans-Mississippi Department;

H. R. 33. Joint resolution for the relief of postmasters in certain cases; and

H. R. 34. Joint resolution for the relief of Alexander F. Kinney, Confederate States depositary at Staunton, Va.

The Speaker of the House of Representatives having signed sundry enrolled bills and enrolled joint resolutions, I am directed to bring them to the Senate for the signature of their President.

Mr. Walker, from the Committee on the Judiciary, to whom was referred the bill (H. R. 418) relative to the impressment of slaves, reported it without amendment.

The Senate proceeded, as in Committee of the Whole, to the consideration of the said bill; and no amendment being proposed, it was reported to the Senate.

Ordered, That it pass to a third reading.

The said bill was read the third time.

Resolved, That it pass.

Ordered, That the Secretary inform the House of Representatives thereof.

The joint resolution (H. R. 37) of thanks to, and for the relief of, Maj. Gaspar Tochman, formerly of the Polish army, was read the first and second times and referred to the Committee on Military Affairs.

The Senate proceeded to consider the resolution of the House of Representatives rescinding the resolution fixing Tuesday, the 14th instant, as the time for the adjournment of the present session of Congress.

On motion by Mr. Orr, to amend the resolution by striking out all after "*concurring*" and inserting "That the resolution fixing Tuesday, the fourteenth instant, at two o'clock postmeridian, as the time for the adjournment of the present session of Congress, be, and the same is hereby, rescinded, and that the President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of Representatives adjourn their respective Houses, sine die, on Friday, the seventeenth instant, at three o'clock postmeridian."

It was determined in the negative,	Yea	-----	6
	Nay	-----	8

On motion by Mr. Burnett,

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present,
Those who voted in the affirmative are,

Messrs. Barnwell, Brown, Graham, Maxwell, Orr, and Walker.

Those who voted in the negative are,

Messrs. Burnett, Caperton, Henry, Hunter, Johnson of Missouri, Vest, Watson, and Wigfall.

No amendment being made.

Resolved, That this resolution pass.

Ordered, That the Secretary inform the House of Representatives thereof.

The Senate resumed the reconsideration of the bill (S. 169) entitled "An act to abolish the office of certain quartermasters and assistant quartermasters, commissaries and assistant commissaries, and to provide for the appointment of bonded agents in said departments," returned by the President with his objections; and

On the question,

Shall this bill pass, the objections of the President to the contrary notwithstanding?

It was determined in the negative,	Yea	-----	8
	Nay	-----	7

The vote having been taken by yeas and nays, conformably to the Constitution,

Those who voted in the affirmative are,

Messrs. Barnwell, Brown, Burnett, Graham, Johnson of Missouri, Orr, Walker, and Wigfall.

Those who voted in the negative are,

Messrs. Caperton, Henry, Hunter, Maxwell, Semmes, Vest, and Watson.

So it was

Resolved, That the bill do not pass, two-thirds of the Senators present not voting therefor.

Ordered, That the Secretary inform the House of Representatives thereof.

Mr. Henry (by leave) introduced

A bill (S. 226) to provide for organizing, arming, and disciplining the militia of the Confederate States, and for governing such part of them

as may be employed in the service of the Confederate States, and for calling them forth to execute the laws of the Confederate States, suppress insurrections, and repel invasions; which was read the first and second times and referred to the Committee on Military Affairs.

Mr. Wigfall, from the Committee on Military Affairs, to whom was referred the bill (H. R. 434) to amend an act entitled "An act to diminish the number of exemptions and details," reported it with an amendment.

The Senate proceeded, as in Committee of the Whole, to the consideration of the said bill.

On the question to agree to the reported amendment, to wit:

Strike out the second section of the bill.

It was determined in the negative, } Yeas- -----	7
} Nays -----	9

On motion by Mr. Orr,

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present, Those who voted in the affirmative are,

Messrs. Burnett, Graham, Johnson of Georgia, Johnson of Missouri, Maxwell, Vest, and Wigfall.

Those who voted in the negative are,

Messrs. Barnwell, Caperton, Henry, Hunter, Orr, Semmes, Simms, Walker, and Watson.

No amendment being made, the bill was reported to the Senate.

Ordered, That it pass to a third reading.

The said bill was read the third time.

Resolved, That it pass.

Ordered, That the Secretary inform the House of Representatives thereof.

A message from the House of Representatives, by Mr. Dalton:

Mr. President: The House of Representatives have passed a bill (H. R. 435) to establish a certain post route therein named; in which they request the concurrence of the Senate.

The Speaker of the House of Representatives having signed sundry enrolled bills and an enrolled joint resolution, I am directed to bring them to the Senate for the signature of their President.

Mr. Wigfall, from the Committee on Military Affairs, reported

A bill (S. 227) to repeal the sixth section of an act to regulate the business of conscription, approved March 7, 1865; which was read the first and second times and considered as in Committee of the Whole; and no amendment being proposed, it was reported to the Senate.

Ordered, That it be engrossed and read a third time.

The said bill was read the third time.

Resolved, That it pass, and that the title thereof be as aforesaid.

Ordered, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the House of Representatives therein.

The bill (H. R. 435) to establish a certain post route therein named was read the first and second times and considered as in Committee of the Whole; and no amendment being proposed, it was reported to the Senate.

Ordered, That it pass to a third reading.

The said bill was read the third time.

Resolved, That it pass.

Ordered, That the Secretary inform the House of Representatives thereof.

On motion by Mr. Semmes,

The Senate resolved into executive session.

The doors having been opened,

The following message was received from the President of the Confederate States, by Mr. B. N. Harrison, his Secretary:

Mr. President: The President of the Confederate States, on the 11th instant, approved and signed the following acts:

S. 166. An act to amend an act entitled "An act to provide and organize a general staff for armies in the field, to serve during the war," approved June 14, 1864;

S. 219. An act to regulate the payment of clerks employed at the post-office in the cities of Richmond and Petersburg; and

S. 221. An act for the relief of maimed soldiers.

Ordered, That the Secretary inform the House of Representatives thereof.

Mr. Caperton, from the committee, reported that they had examined and found truly enrolled bills and joint resolutions of the following titles:

H. R. 413. An act to amend the sequestration laws;

H. R. 414. An act making an additional appropriation for the redemption of a temporary loan, made in the year 1861, of sundry banks in the Confederate States, to supply funds to the Treasury;

H. R. 420. An act to provide for the payment of arrears now due to the Army and Navy;

H. R. 421. An act for the relief of the Exchange Bank of Virginia, at Norfolk;

H. R. 428. An act to authorize the Postmaster-General to purchase United States postage stamps for certain purposes;

H. R. 30. Joint resolution expressing the sense of Congress on the subject of the late peace commission;

H. R. 31. Joint resolution respecting a census;

S. 172. An act to extend an act entitled "An act to graduate the pay of general officers," approved June 10, 1864;

S. 181. An act to amend the law in relation to impressments;

S. 205. An act to authorize the Secretary of the Treasury to issue seven per cent bonds to certain persons in North Carolina; and

S. 224. An act to limit the issue of forage.

The President pro tempore having signed the enrolled bills and enrolled joint resolutions last reported to have been examined, they were delivered to the Secretary of the Senate and by him forthwith presented to the President of the Confederate States for his approval.

The following message was received from the President of the Confederate States, by Mr. B. N. Harrison, his Secretary:

RICHMOND, VA., *March 13, 1865.*

To the Senate and House of Representatives:

I herewith transmit for your information copies of the correspondence referred to in my message of this date, in regard to the proposed conference to adjust terms of peace by means of a military convention.

JEFFERSON DAVIS.

The message was read.

Ordered, That it lie upon the table and be printed.

On motion by Mr. Burnett,

The Senate adjourned.

SECRET SESSION.

A message from the House of Representatives, by Mr. Dalton:

Mr. President: The President of the Confederate States has notified the House of Representatives that on the 9th instant he approved and signed a joint resolution (H. R. 29) in relation to the services of Manuel and Rafael Armijo and Julian Tesorio.

The Speaker of the House of Representatives having signed an enrolled bill, I am directed to bring it to the Senate for the signature of their President.

Mr. Semmes submitted the following resolution for consideration:

Resolved, That the Senators of the respective States be, and they are hereby, appointed committees to confer with the legislatures of their respective States, or, if the legislatures be not in session, with the governors thereof, for the purpose of securing the cooperation of the respective State governments in obtaining for the use of the Commissary Department of the Confederate States a sufficient amount of coin to procure supplies for the Army, and to urge upon the respective States immediate action.

The Senate proceeded to consider the said resolution.

On motion by Mr. Henry, to amend the resolution by inserting after "thereof," line 9, the words "and with the presidents of the Tennessee banks now located in North Carolina,"

It was determined in the affirmative.

On motion by Mr. Henry, further to amend the resolution by inserting after "governments," line 12, the words "and said banks," and by inserting after "States," line 19, the words "and the banks aforesaid,"

It was determined in the affirmative.

The resolution as amended was then agreed to.

The following message was received from the President of the Confederate States, by Mr. B. N. Harrison, his Secretary:

To the Senate of the Confederate States:

Herewith I transmit a letter from the Secretary of War, covering several communications from officers of the Army in reference to the present condition of the country as connected with military defense, and especially with the matter of supplies for the Army.

They will serve to elucidate the message this day transmitted to you. The last in the order of time of those communications was received after my message was transmitted, and refers to a contingency which, if it should occur, must seriously affect the opinions which I then expressed.

I invite your special attention to the papers submitted.

JEFFERSON DAVIS.

RICHMOND, *March 13, 1865.*

The message was read.

Ordered, That it lie upon the table.

Mr. Caperton, from the committee, reported that they had examined and found truly enrolled

A bill (H. R. 426) to provide for the safety of the archives of the Government, and for the assembling of Congress at any place other than the seat of government.

The President pro tempore having signed the enrolled bill last reported to have been examined, it was delivered to the Secretary of the Senate and by him forthwith presented to the President of the Confederate States for his approval.

On motion by Mr. Henry,

The Senate resolved into open legislative session.

EXECUTIVE SESSION.

Mr. Wigfall, from the Committee on Military Affairs, to whom was referred (on the 21st December, 1864) the nomination of W. P. Grayson, to be colonel (under act approved October 11, 1862), reported, with the recommendation that said nomination be confirmed.

The Senate proceeded to consider said report; and in concurrence therewith, it was

Resolved, That the Senate do advise and consent to the appointment, agreeably to the nomination of the President.

Mr. Wigfall, from the Committee on Military Affairs, to whom was referred (on the 21st ultimo) the nomination of Robert Turner, to be assistant commissary, with the rank of captain, reported, with the recommendation that said nomination be confirmed.

The Senate proceeded to consider said report; and in concurrence therewith, it was

Resolved, That the Senate do advise and consent to the appointment, agreeably to the nomination of the President.

Mr. Semmes, from the Committee on Finance, to whom was referred (on the 13th instant) the nomination of George B. Hodge, to be Second Auditor, reported, with the recommendation that said nomination be not confirmed.

The Senate proceeded to consider said report; and in concurrence therewith, it was

Resolved, That the Senate do not advise and consent to the appointment of George B. Hodge, to be Second Auditor.

The following message was received from the President of the Confederate States, by Mr. B. N. Harrison, his Secretary:

RICHMOND, VA., *March 14, 1865.*

To the Senate of the Confederate States:

I herewith transmit for your information a communication from the Postmaster-General, relative to the removal of a postmaster from office.

JEFFERSON DAVIS.

POST-OFFICE DEPARTMENT, CONFEDERATE STATES OF AMERICA,

Richmond, March 11, 1865.

To the President.

SIR: In compliance with the third paragraph of the second section of the second article of the Constitution, I have the honor to report the removal of the following officer of this Department, "together with the reasons therefor:" W. H. Robertson, postmaster at Osborne's Ford, Davis County, Va., removed March 1, 1865. Cause of removal: Imputed disloyalty and misconduct.

Very respectfully, your obedient servant,

JOHN H. REAGAN,
Postmaster-General.

The message was read.

Ordered, That it be referred to the Committee on Post-Offices and Post-Roads.

The following messages were received from the President of the Confederate States, by Mr. B. N. Harrison, his Secretary:

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT, CONFEDERATE STATES OF AMERICA,

Richmond, March 14, 1865.

To the Senate of the Confederate States:

Agreeably to the recommendation of the Secretary of War, I nominate W. W. Foote, of Tennessee, to be adjutant Fifteenth Arkansas Regiment, with the rank of first lieutenant in the Provisional Army of the Confederate States of America.

JEFFERSON DAVIS.

No. 269.]

WAR DEPARTMENT, CONFEDERATE STATES OF AMERICA,
Richmond, March 13, 1865.

SIR: I have the honor to recommend the nomination of W. W. Foote, of Tennessee, to be adjutant Fifteenth Arkansas Regiment, with the rank of first lieutenant in the Provisional Army of the Confederate States of America, to rank from March 7, 1865.

I am, sir, respectfully, your obedient servant,

JOHN C. BRECKINRIDGE,
Secretary of War.

To His Excellency JEFFERSON DAVIS,
President, etc.

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT, CONFEDERATE STATES OF AMERICA,
Richmond, March 14, 1865.

To the Senate of the Confederate States:

Agreeably to the recommendation of the Secretary of War, I nominate W. L. De Rosset, of North Carolina, to be colonel (for retirement, under act approved January 27, 1865) in the Provisional Army of the Confederate States of America.

JEFFERSON DAVIS.

WAR DEPARTMENT, CONFEDERATE STATES OF AMERICA,
Richmond, March 13, 1865.

SIR: I have the honor to recommend the nomination of W. L. De Rosset, of North Carolina, to be colonel (for retirement, under act approved January 27, 1865) in the Provisional Army of the Confederate States of America, to rank from March 11, 1865.

I am, sir, respectfully, your obedient servant,

JOHN C. BRECKINRIDGE,
Secretary of War.

To His Excellency JEFFERSON DAVIS,
President, etc.

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT, CONFEDERATE STATES OF AMERICA,
Richmond, March 14, 1865.

To the Senate of the Confederate States:

Agreeably to the recommendation of the Secretary of War, I nominate the officers on the accompanying list to the grades affixed to their names, respectively.

JEFFERSON DAVIS.

No. 268.]

WAR DEPARTMENT, CONFEDERATE STATES OF AMERICA,
Richmond, March 13, 1865.

SIR: I have the honor to recommend the following nominations for appointment in the Provisional Army of the Confederate States of America:

Assistant commissaries—captains.

J. M. Williams, of Virginia, to rank from March 11, 1865.

A. L. Hunt, of Virginia, to rank from March 11, 1865.

John W. Kincheloe, of Virginia, to rank from March 11, 1865.

I am, sir, respectfully, your obedient servant,

JOHN C. BRECKINRIDGE,
Secretary of War.

To His Excellency JEFFERSON DAVIS,
President, etc.

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT, CONFEDERATE STATES OF AMERICA,
Richmond, March 13, 1865.

To the Senate of the Confederate States:

Agreeably to the recommendation of the Secretary of War, I nominate J. T. Rosser, of Virginia, to be major (for retirement, under act approved January 27, 1865) in the Provisional Army of the Confederate States of America.

JEFFERSON DAVIS.

WAR DEPARTMENT, CONFEDERATE STATES OF AMERICA,
Richmond, March 13, 1865.

SIR: I have the honor to recommend the nomination of J. T. Rosser, of Virginia, to be major (for retirement, under act approved January 27, 1865) in the Provisional Army of the Confederate States of America, to rank from March 8, 1865.

I am, sir, respectfully, your obedient servant,

JOHN C. BRECKINRIDGE,
Secretary of War.

To His Excellency JEFFERSON DAVIS,
President, etc.

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT, CONFEDERATE STATES OF AMERICA,
Richmond, March 13, 1865.

To the Senate of the Confederate States:

Agreeably to the recommendation of the Secretary of War, I nominate Julius G. Tucker, of ———, to be colonel Tucker's Confederate Regiment, in the Provisional Army of the Confederate States of America.

JEFFERSON DAVIS.

No. 267.] WAR DEPARTMENT, CONFEDERATE STATES OF AMERICA,
Richmond, March 13, 1865.

SIR: I have the honor to recommend the nomination of Julius G. Tucker, of ———, to be colonel Tucker's Confederate Regiment, in the Provisional Army of the Confederate States of America (an original vacancy), to rank from February 25, 1865.

I am, sir, respectfully, your obedient servant.

JOHN C. BRECKINRIDGE,
Secretary of War.

To His Excellency JEFFERSON DAVIS,
President, etc.

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT, CONFEDERATE STATES OF AMERICA,
Richmond, March 13, 1865.

To the Senate of the Confederate States:

Agreeably to the recommendation of the Secretary of War, I nominate Brig. Gen. W. W. Allen, of Alabama, to be major-general, with temporary rank, in the Provisional Army of the Confederate States of America, under act approved May 31, 1864.

JEFFERSON DAVIS.

No. 264.] WAR DEPARTMENT, CONFEDERATE STATES OF AMERICA,
Richmond, March 13, 1865.

SIR: I have the honor to recommend the nomination of Brig. Gen. W. W. Allen, of Alabama, to be major-general, with temporary rank, in the Provisional Army of the Confederate States of America (under act approved May 31, 1864) to command division Wheeler's Cavalry Corps, vice Major-General Martin, transferred, to rank from March 4, 1865.

I am, sir, respectfully, your obedient servant,

JOHN C. BRECKINRIDGE,
Secretary of War.

To His Excellency JEFFERSON DAVIS,
President, etc.

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT, CONFEDERATE STATES OF AMERICA,
Richmond, March 13, 1865.

To the Senate of the Confederate States:

Agreeably to the recommendation of the Secretary of War, I nominate D. J. Godwin, of Virginia, to be colonel (for retirement, under act approved January 27, 1865) in the Provisional Army of the Confederate States of America.

JEFFERSON DAVIS.

WAR DEPARTMENT, CONFEDERATE STATES OF AMERICA,
Richmond, December 11, 1865.

SIR: I have the honor to recommend the nomination of D. J. Godwin, of Virginia, to be colonel (for retirement, under act approved January 27, 1865) in the Provisional Army of the Confederate States of America, to rank from March 11, 1865.

I am, sir, respectfully, your obedient servant,

JOHN C. BRECKINRIDGE,
Secretary of War.

To His Excellency JEFFERSON DAVIS,
President, etc.

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT, CONFEDERATE STATES OF AMERICA,

Richmond, March 13, 1865.

To the Senate of the Confederate States:

Agreeably to the recommendation of the Secretary of War, I nominate Fred. Phillips, of North Carolina, to be assistant quartermaster, with the rank of captain in the Provisional Army of the Confederate States of America.

JEFFERSON DAVIS.

No. 265.]

WAR DEPARTMENT, CONFEDERATE STATES OF AMERICA,

Richmond, March 13, 1865.

SIR: I have the honor to recommend the nomination of Fred. Phillips, of North Carolina, to be assistant quartermaster, with the rank of captain in the Provisional Army of the Confederate States of America, for duty as assistant to quartermaster, Cox's brigade, Army of Northern Virginia, to rank from March 8, 1865.

I am, sir, respectfully, your obedient servant,

JOHN C. BRECKINRIDGE,

Secretary of War.

To His Excellency JEFFERSON DAVIS,

President, etc.

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT, CONFEDERATE STATES OF AMERICA,

Richmond, March 13, 1865.

To the Senate of the Confederate States:

Agreeably to the recommendation of the Secretary of War, I nominate the officers on the accompanying list to the grades affixed to their names, respectively.

JEFFERSON DAVIS.

No. 266.]

WAR DEPARTMENT, CONFEDERATE STATES OF AMERICA,

Richmond, March 13, 1865.

SIR: I have the honor to recommend the following nominations for appointment in the Provisional Army of the Confederate States of America:

Assistant commissaries—captains.

A. Harris, of Virginia, to rank from March 4, 1865.

George W. Bolling, of ———, to rank from March 3, 1865.

Charles S. Taylor, of Virginia, to rank from March 9, 1865.

Thomas Mahool, of Georgia, to rank from March 9, 1865.

I am, sir, respectfully, your obedient servant,

JOHN C. BRECKINRIDGE,

Secretary of War.

To His Excellency JEFFERSON DAVIS,

President, etc.

The messages were severally read.

Ordered. That they be referred to the Committee on Military Affairs.

On motion by Mr. Orr,

'The Senate resolved into secret legislative session.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 15, 1865.

OPEN SESSION.

A message from the House of Representatives, by Mr. Dalton:

Mr. President: The House of Representatives have passed a bill (H. R. 437) to grant transportation to discharged and disabled soldiers; in which they request the concurrence of the Senate.

The House of Representatives agree to the amendments of the Senate to the bill (H. R. 419) to amend an act providing for the establishment and payment of claims for a certain description of property taken or informally impressed for the use of the Army, approved 14th June, 1864.

The bill (H. R. 437) to grant transportation to discharged and disabled soldiers was read the first and second times and considered as in Committee of the Whole; and no amendment being proposed, it was reported to the Senate.

Ordered, That it pass to a third reading.

The said bill was read the third time.

Resolved, That it pass.

Ordered, That the Secretary inform the House of Representatives thereof.

Mr. Wigfall, from the Committee on Military Affairs, to whom was referred the joint resolution (H. R. 37) of thanks to, and for the relief of, Maj. Gaspar Tochman, formerly of the Polish army, reported it without amendment.

The Senate proceeded, as in Committee of the Whole, to the consideration of the said resolution; and no amendment being proposed, it was reported to the Senate.

Ordered, That it pass to a third reading.

The said resolution was read the third time.

On the question,

Shall the resolution now pass?

It was determined in the affirmative,	{ Yeas -----	14
	{ Nays -----	1

The vote having been taken by yeas and nays, conformably to the Constitution,

Those who voted in the affirmative are,

Messrs. Barnwell, Brown, Caperton, Graham, Henry, Hunter, Johnson of Missouri, Maxwell, Oldham, Orr, Simms, Vest, Watson, and Wigfall.

Mr. Semmes voted in the negative.

So it was

Resolved, That this resolution pass, two-thirds of the Senators present voting therefor.

Ordered, That the Secretary inform the House of Representatives thereof.

On motion by Mr. Wigfall,

The Senate resolved into executive session.

The doors having been opened,

Mr. Brown presented the petition of O. L. Kimbrough, praying the passage of a law authorizing the Secretary of the Treasury to issue duplicates for certain bonds and Treasury notes destroyed by fire; which was referred to the Committee on Claims.

On motion by Mr. Maxwell,

Ordered, That the leave of absence heretofore granted to J. W. Anderson, recording clerk of the Senate, be extended until the close of the present session.

On motion by Mr. Barnwell,

The Senate adjourned.

SECRET SESSION.

A message from the House of Representatives, by Mr. Dalton:

Mr. President: The House of Representatives have passed a bill (H. R. 438) to raise coin for the purpose of furnishing necessary supplies for the Army; in which they request the concurrence of the Senate.

The bill (H. R. 438) last mentioned was read the first and second times and referred to the Committee on Finance.

On motion by Mr. Semmes,

The Senate resolved into open legislative session.

EXECUTIVE SESSION.

Mr. Wigfall, from the Committee on Military Affairs, to whom were referred (on the 14th instant) the nominations of Julius G. Tucker, to be colonel; W. L. De Rosset and D. J. Godwin, to be colonels, and J. T. Rosser, to be major (for retirement, under act approved January 27, 1865); A. Harris, George W. Bolling, Charles S. Taylor, Thomas Mahool, J. M. Williams, A. L. Hunt, and John W. Kincheloe, to be assistant commissaries, with the rank of captain; Fred. Philips, to be assistant quartermaster, with the rank of captain; and W. W. Foote, to be adjutant, with the rank of first lieutenant, reported, with the recommendation that said nominations be confirmed.

The Senate proceeded to consider said report; and in concurrence therewith, it was

Resolved, That the Senate do advise and consent to their appointment, agreeably to the nomination of the President.

On motion by Mr. Semmes,

The Senate resolved into secret legislative session.

THURSDAY, MARCH 16, 1865.

OPEN SESSION.

A message from the House of Representatives, by Mr. Dalton:

Mr. President: The House of Representatives have passed bills of the following titles; in which they request the concurrence of the Senate:

H. R. 439. An act to increase the commutation value of hospital rations for a limited time;

H. R. 440. An act to increase the pay and mileage of officers traveling under orders; and

H. R. 441. An act to suspend the privilege of the writ of habeas corpus.

And they have passed Senate bills of the following titles:

S. 215. An act to appropriate money to pay the expenses of the Joint Select Committee on the Subject of the Treatment and Exchange of Prisoners; and

S. 227. An act to repeal the sixth section of an act to regulate the business of conscription, approved March 7, 1865.

The bill last named with amendments; in which they request the concurrence of the Senate.

The bills received this day from the House of Representatives for concurrence were severally read the first and second times; and

Ordered, That the bills numbered 439 and 440 be referred to the Committee on Military Affairs and that the bill numbered 441 be referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

On motion by Mr. Watson,

Ordered, That Mr. Oldham be appointed temporarily on the Committee on the Judiciary.

The Senate proceeded to consider the amendments of the House of Representatives to the bill (S. 227) to repeal the sixth section of an act to regulate the business of conscription, approved March 7, 1865; and

Resolved, That they concur therein.

Ordered, That the Secretary inform the House of Representatives thereof.

On motion by Mr. Burnett,

Ordered, That the Committee on Claims be discharged from the further consideration of the petition of O. L. Kimbrough.

A message from the House of Representatives, by Mr. Dalton:

Mr. President: The House of Representatives have passed a resolution fixing a time for the adjournment of the present session of Congress; in which they request the concurrence of the Senate.

The Speaker of the House of Representatives having signed sundry enrolled bills and enrolled joint resolutions, I am directed to bring them to the Senate for the signature of their President.

On motion by Mr. Semmes,

The Senate resolved into secret legislative session.

The doors having been opened.

Mr. Henry, from the Committee on Military Affairs, to whom was referred the bill (S. 226) to provide for organizing, arming, and disciplining the militia of the Confederate States, and for governing such part of them as may be employed in the service of the Confederate States, and for calling them forth to execute the laws of the Confederate States, suppress insurrections, and repel invasions, reported it with amendments.

The Senate proceeded, as in Committee of the Whole, to the consideration of the said bill; and the reported amendments were agreed to.

On motion by Mr. Semmes, that the further consideration of the bill be postponed indefinitely.

It was determined in the negative,	{ Yeas.....	7
	{ Nays.....	8

On motion by Mr. Burnett,

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present, Those who voted in the affirmative are,

Messrs. Caperton, Graham, Oldham, Orr, Semmes, Vest, and Wigfall.

Those who voted in the negative are,

Messrs. Barnwell, Burnett, Henry, Hunter, Johnson of Missouri, Maxwell, Simms, and Watson.

On motion by Mr. Burnett, to amend the bill by striking out the tenth section.

It was determined in the affirmative.

The bill having been further amended on the motion of Mr. Johnson of Missouri, it was reported to the Senate and the amendments were concurred in.

Ordered. That the bill be engrossed and read a third time.

The said bill was read the third time.

On the question,

Shall the bill now pass?

It was determined in the negative,	{ Yeas.....	8
	{ Nays.....	8

On motion by Mr. Orr,

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present, Those who voted in the affirmative are,

Messrs. Barnwell, Brown, Burnett, Henry, Hunter, Johnson of Missouri, Maxwell, and Simms.

Those who voted in the negative are,

Messrs. Caperton, Graham, Oldham, Orr, Semmes, Vest, Watson, and Wigfall.

So it was

Resolved. That this bill do not pass.

Mr. Oldham, from the Committee on the Judiciary, to whom was

referred the bill (H. R. 441) to suspend the privilege of the writ of habeas corpus, reported it with the recommendation that it ought not to pass.

The Senate proceeded, as in Committee of the Whole, to the consideration of the said bill; and no amendment being proposed, it was reported to the Senate.

Ordered, That it pass to a third reading.

The said bill was read the third time.

On the question.

Shall the bill now pass?

It was determined in the negative,	(Yeas -----	6
	Nays -----	9

On motion by Mr. Orr,

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present, Those who voted in the affirmative are,

Messrs. Burnett, Henry, Johnson of Missouri, Maxwell, Simms, and Vest.

Those who voted in the negative are,

Messrs. Barnwell, Brown, Graham, Hunter, Oldham, Orr, Semmes, Watson, and Wigfall.

So it was

Resolved, That this bill do not pass.

Ordered, That the Secretary inform the House of Representatives thereof.

A message from the President of the Confederate States, by Mr. B. N. Harrison, his Secretary:

Mr. President: The President of the Confederate States, on the 13th instant, approved and signed the following acts and joint resolutions:

S. 199. An act to change the time for the assembling of Congress for its next regular session;

S. 216. An act to appropriate money to pay the Missouri State Guard;

S. 217. An act in relation to printing and binding, in pamphlet form, the acts, resolutions, and treaties adopted at each session of Congress;

S. 222. An act supplemental to an act approved on the 4th day of March, 1865, entitled "An act to authorize the commanders of the reserves in each State to order general courts-martial and to revise the proceedings of courts-martial and military courts;"

S. 223. An act for the relief of the Exchange Bank of Virginia;

S. 35. Joint resolution providing for donations to the Treasury of the Confederate States; and

S. 37. Joint resolution of thanks to Lieut. Gen. Wade Hampton.

And, on the 14th instant, the President approved and signed the following acts:

S. 172. An act to extend an act entitled "An act to graduate the pay of general officers," approved June 10, 1864;

S. 205. An act to authorize the Secretary of the Treasury to issue seven per cent bonds to certain persons in North Carolina; and

S. 224. An act to limit the issue of forage.

Ordered, That the Secretary inform the House of Representatives thereof.

Mr. Caperton, from the committee, reported that they had examined and found truly enrolled bills and joint resolutions of the following titles:

H. R. 174. An act for the relief of Maj. John Reid, of Missouri;

H. R. 418. An act relative to the impressment of slaves;

H. R. 429. An act making appropriations for the support of the Government of the Confederate States of America from July 1 to December 31, 1865, and to supply deficiencies;

H. R. 431. An act for the relief of the officers and employees of the Treasury Note Bureau:

H. R. 435. An act to establish a certain post route therein named;

H. R. 35. Joint resolution for the relief of Stephen B. Marshall, jr., tax collector of Putnam County, Ga.; and

H. R. 36. Joint resolution for the relief of William C. Hagan.

The President pro tempore having signed the enrolled bills and enrolled joint resolutions last reported to have been examined, they were delivered to the Secretary of the Senate and by him forthwith presented to the President of the Confederate States for his approval.

Mr. Semmes (by leave) introduced

A bill (S. 228) to amend an act entitled "An act to regulate impressments," approved March 26, 1863, as amended by the act approved February 16, 1864:

which was read the first and second times and considered as in Committee of the Whole.

On motion by Mr. Orr, to amend the bill by inserting after "impressment," line 8, the words

when the parties from whom such property is impressed shall refuse to receive therefor certificates of indebtedness,

On motion by Mr. Semmes, to amend the proposed amendment by adding thereto the words

issued under the authority of the act entitled "An act to reduce the currency and to authorize a new issue of notes and bonds," approved February seventeenth, eighteen hundred and sixty-four,

It was determined in the affirmative.

The amendment as amended was then agreed to.

No further amendment being proposed, the bill was reported to the Senate and the amendment was concurred in.

Ordered, That the bill be engrossed and read a third time.

The said bill was read the third time.

Resolved, That it pass, and that the title thereof be as aforesaid.

Ordered, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the House of Representatives therein.

Mr. Wigfall, from the Committee on Military Affairs, to whom was referred the bill (H. R. 412) to authorize the President of the Confederate States to organize, in the city of Richmond and county of Henrico, a volunteer force for temporary service, reported it without amendment.

The Senate proceeded, as in Committee of the Whole, to the consideration of the said bill; and no amendment being proposed, it was reported to the Senate.

Ordered, That it pass to a third reading.

The said bill was read the third time.

Resolved, That it pass.

Ordered, That the Secretary inform the House of Representatives thereof.

The Senate proceeded to consider the resolution of the House of Representatives fixing a time for the adjournment of the present session of Congress; and

On the question.

Will the Senate agree to the resolution?

It was determined in the negative,	Y ayes	5
	N ays	10

On motion by Mr. Wigfall,

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present,
Those who voted in the affirmative are,

Messrs. Barnwell, Graham, Maxwell, Orr, and Semmes.

Those who voted in the negative are,

Messrs. Brown, Burnett, Caperton, Henry, Hunter, Johnson of Missouri, Simms, Vest, Watson, and Wigfall.

So the resolution was rejected.

Ordered, That the Secretary inform the House of Representatives thereof.

On motion by Mr. Brown, to reconsider the vote by which the Senate refused to pass the bill (H. R. 441) to suspend the privilege of the writ of habeas corpus,

It was determined in the affirmative,	} Yeas	8
		Nays 7

On motion by Mr. Orr,

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present,
Those who voted in the affirmative are,

Messrs. Brown, Burnett, Henry, Hunter, Johnson of Missouri, Maxwell, Simms, and Vest.

Those who voted in the negative are,

Messrs. Barnwell, Caperton, Graham, Orr, Semmes, Watson, and Wigfall.

On motion by Mr. Brown, to reconsider the vote by which the bill was ordered to a third reading,

It was determined in the negative,	} Yeas	7
		Nays 9

On motion by Mr. Orr,

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present,
Those who voted in the affirmative are,

Messrs. Brown, Burnett, Henry, Johnson of Missouri, Maxwell, Simms, and Vest.

Those who voted in the negative are,

Messrs. Barnwell, Caperton, Graham, Hunter, Oldham, Orr, Semmes, Watson, and Wigfall.

On the question,

Shall the bill now pass?

It was determined in the negative,	} Yeas	6
		Nays 10

On motion by Mr. Orr,

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present,
Those who voted in the affirmative are,

Messrs. Burnett, Henry, Johnson of Missouri, Maxwell, Simms, and Vest.

Those who voted in the negative are,

Messrs. Barnwell, Brown, Caperton, Graham, Hunter, Oldham, Orr, Semmes, Watson, and Wigfall.

So it was

Resolved, That this bill do not pass.

Ordered, That the Secretary inform the House of Representatives thereof.

On motion by Mr. Orr, to reconsider the vote on rejecting the reso-

lution of the House of Representatives fixing a time for the adjournment of the present session of Congress,

It was determined in the negative,	{ Yeas -----	8
	{ Nays -----	8

On motion by Mr. Wigfall,

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present, Those who voted in the affirmative are,

Messrs. Barnwell, Brown, Graham, Maxwell, Oldham, Orr, Semmes, and Watson.

Those who voted in the negative are,

Messrs. Burnett, Caperton, Henry, Hunter, Johnson of Missouri, Simms, Vest, and Wigfall.

On motion by Mr. Orr,

The Senate resolved into executive session.

The doors having been opened,

The following message was received from the House of Representatives, by Mr. Dalton:

Mr. President: The President of the Confederate States has notified the House of Representatives that on the 13th instant he approved and signed the following acts:

H. R. 307. An act authorizing the Secretary of the Treasury to borrow specie, to be applied to the redemption and reduction of the currency;

H. R. 324. An act to authorize the appointment of certain tax officers for the Trans-Mississippi Department;

H. R. 367. An act to increase the military force of the Confederate States;

H. R. 384. An act for the relief of bonded agriculturists in certain cases;

H. R. 385. An act making additional appropriations for the support of the Government of the Confederate States of America from January 1 to June 30, 1865.

H. R. 387. An act to amend an act entitled "An act to establish and organize two bureaus in connection with the agency of the Treasury," etc., approved February 17, 1864, and to provide for the more efficient organization of the agency of the Treasury for the Trans-Mississippi Department;

H. R. 390. An act for the relief of taxpayers in certain cases;

H. R. 394. An act to authorize the President to appoint a commissioner to take proof as to expenditures made by the State of Tennessee for the benefit of the Confederacy previous to the transfer of her troops to the Confederate Government;

H. R. 401. An act to amend and extend the provisions of an act entitled "An act fixing the salaries of certain civil officers in the Trans-Mississippi Department," approved February 18, 1865;

H. R. 402. An act to make rules concerning captures on land;

H. R. 405. An act to establish certain post routes therein named;

H. R. 406. An act to amend the acts to regulate the assessment and collection of taxes in kind;

H. R. 416. An act to increase the compensation of tax collectors and assessors in the cities of Richmond and Petersburg;

H. R. 423. An act to prevent improper communication of intelligence to the enemy;

H. R. 424. An act for furnishing bagging and rope for the packing of tithe cotton; and

H. R. 425. An act to authorize the settlement of the claim of the State of North Carolina for expenses incurred in executing the acts of Congress to further provide for the public defense, and to organize forces to serve during the war.

And that on the 14th instant he approved and signed the following acts and joint resolutions:

H. R. 413. An act to amend the sequestration laws;

H. R. 414. An act making an additional appropriation for the redemption of a temporary loan, made in the year 1864, of sundry banks in the Confederate States, to supply funds to the Treasury;

H. R. 428. An act to authorize the Postmaster-General to purchase United States postage stamps for certain purposes;

H. R. 30. Joint resolution expressing the sense of Congress on the subject of the late peace commission; and

H. R. 31. Joint resolution respecting a census.

The Speaker of the House of Representatives having signed sundry enrolled bills, I am directed to bring them to the Senate for the signature of their President.

Mr. Caperton, from the committee, reported that they had examined and found truly enrolled bills and a joint resolution of the following titles:

H. R. 341. An act requiring suit to be brought against persons connected with the Cotton Bureau and Cotton Office in the Trans-Mississippi Department;

H. R. 419. An act to amend an act providing for the establishment and payment of claims for a certain description of property taken or informally impressed for the use of the Army, approved 14th June, 1864;

H. R. 434. An act to amend an act entitled "An act to diminish the number of exemptions and details;" and

H. R. 37. Joint resolution of thanks to, and for the relief of, Maj. Gaspar Tochman, formerly of the Polish army.

The President pro tempore having signed the enrolled bills and enrolled joint resolution last reported to have been examined, they were delivered to the Secretary of the Senate and by him forthwith presented to the President of the Confederate States for his approval.

A message from the House of Representatives, by Mr. Dalton:

Mr. President: The House of Representatives have passed the bill of the Senate (S. 204) to authorize the Secretary of the Treasury to receive specie from the several States of the Confederacy and use the same for the benefit of said States, with amendments; in which they request the concurrence of the Senate.

The Speaker of the House of Representatives having signed sundry enrolled bills, I am directed to bring them to the Senate for the signature of their President.

Mr. Orr submitted the following resolution for consideration:

Resolved (the House of Representatives concurring), That the President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of Representatives adjourn their respective Houses, sine die, on Saturday, the eighteenth day of March, instant, at twelve o'clock meridian.

The Senate proceeded to consider the said resolution; and

On the question,

Will the Senate agree to the resolution?

It was determined in the affirmative,	Yea	8
	Nays	7

On motion by Mr. Wigfall,

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present, Those who voted in the affirmative are,

Messrs. Barnwell, Brown, Henry, Maxwell, Oldham, Orr, Semmes, and Watson.

Those who voted in the negative are,

Messrs. Burnett, Caperton, Hunter, Johnson of Missouri, Simms, Vest, and Wigfall.

So the resolution was agreed to.

Ordered, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the House of Representatives therein.

The Senate proceeded to consider the amendments of the House of Representatives to the bill (S. 204) to authorize the Secretary of the Treasury to receive specie from the several States of the Confederacy and use the same for the benefit of said States; and

Resolved, That they concur therein.

Ordered, That the Secretary inform the House of Representatives thereof.

On motion by Mr. Orr,

Ordered, That the Senate take a recess until 8 o'clock p. m.

8 O'CLOCK P. M.

A message from the House of Representatives, by Mr. Lamar, their Clerk:

Mr. President: The House of Representatives have passed the resolution of the Senate fixing Saturday, the 18th day of March, instant, at 12 o'clock m., as the time for the adjournment of the present session of Congress.

On motion by Mr. Maxwell.
The Senate adjourned.

SECRET SESSION.

Mr. Semmes, from the Committee on Finance, to whom was referred the bill (H. R. 438) to raise coin for the purpose of furnishing necessary supplies for the Army, reported it with amendments.

The Senate proceeded, as in Committee of the Whole, to the consideration of the said bill; and the reported amendments having been agreed to, the bill was reported to the Senate and the amendments were concurred in.

Ordered, That the amendments be engrossed and the bill read a third time.

The said bill as amended was read the third time.

Resolved, That it pass with amendments.

Ordered, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the House of Representatives in the amendments.

A message from the House of Representatives, by Mr. Dalton:

Mr. President: The House of Representatives have agreed to the amendments of the Senate to the bill (H. R. 438) to raise coin for the purpose of furnishing necessary supplies for the Army, with an amendment; in which they request the concurrence of the Senate.

The President of the Confederate States has notified the House of Representatives that on the 14th instant he approved and signed an act (H. R. 426) to provide for the safety of the archives of the Government, and for the assembling of Congress at any place other than the seat of government.

The Senate proceeded to consider the amendment of the House of Representatives to the amendments of the Senate to the bill (H. R. 438) to raise coin for the purpose of furnishing necessary supplies for the Army; and

Resolved, That they concur therein.

Ordered, That the Secretary inform the House of Representatives thereof.

Mr. Orr, from the select committee to whom was referred that portion of the message of the President of the Confederate States of the 13th instant relating to the action of Congress during the present session, submitted the following report:

The select committee to whom was referred so much of the President's message of the 13th instant as relates to the action of Congress during the present session, having duly considered the same, respectfully submit the following report:

The attention of Congress is called by the President to the fact, that for carrying on the war successfully, there is urgent need of men and supplies for the Army.

The measures passed by Congress during the present session, for recruiting the Army, are considered by the President inefficient; and it is said that the results of the law authorizing the employment of slaves as soldiers will be less than anticipated, in consequence of the dilatory action of Congress in adopting the measure. That a law so radical in its character, so repugnant to the prejudices of our people, and so intimately affecting the organism of society, should encounter opposition and receive a tardy sanction, ought not to excite surprise, but if the policy and necessity of the measure had been seriously urged on Congress by an Executive message, legislative

action might have been quickened. The President, in no official communication to Congress, has recommended the passage of a law putting slaves into the Army as soldiers, and the message under consideration is the first official information that such a law would meet his approval. The Executive message transmitted to Congress on the 7th of November last suggests the propriety of enlarging the sphere of employment of the negro as a laborer, and for this purpose recommends that the absolute title to slaves be acquired by impressment, and as an incentive to the faithful discharge of duty, that the slaves thus acquired be liberated, with the permission of the States from which they were drawn. In this connection the following language is used: "If this policy should recommend itself to the judgment of Congress, it is suggested that, in addition to the duties heretofore performed by the slave, he might be advantageously employed as *pioneer and engineer laborer*; and in that event that the number should be augmented to 40,000. *Beyond this limit and these employments it does not seem to me desirable, under existing circumstances, to go.*" In the same message the President further remarks: "The subject is to be viewed by us, therefore, solely in the light of policy and our social economy. *When so regarded I must dissent from those who advise a general levy and arming of the slaves for the duty of soldiers.*" It is manifest that the President in November last did not consider that the contingency had then arisen which would justify a resort to the extraordinary policy of arming our slaves. Indeed, no other inference can be deduced from the language used by him, for he says: "These considerations, however, are rather applicable to the *improbable contingency of our need of resorting to this element of resistance than to our present condition.*" The Secretary of War, in his report, under date of November 3, seemed to concur in the opinion of the President, when he said: "While it is encouraging to know this resource for further and future efforts is at our command, *my own judgment does not yet either perceive the necessity or approve the policy of employing slaves in the higher duties of soldiers.*"

At what period of the session the President or Secretary of War considered the improbable contingency had arisen, which required a resort to slaves as an element of resistance, does not appear by any official document within the knowledge of your committee. Congress might well have delayed action on this subject until the present moment, as the President, whose constitutional duty it is "to give to the Congress information of the state of the Confederacy," has never asked, in any authentic manner, for the passage of a law authorizing the employment of slaves as soldiers. The Senate, however, did not await the tardy movements of the President. On the 29th December, 1864, the following resolution was adopted by the Senate, in secret session:

"*Resolved*, That the President be requested to inform the Senate, in secret session, as to the state of the finances in connection with the payment of the troops; the means of supplying the munitions of war, transportation, and subsistence; the condition of the Army, and the possibility of recruiting the same; the condition of our foreign relations, and whether any aid or encouragement from abroad is expected, or has been sought, or is proposed; so that the Senate may have a clear and exact view of the state of the country and of its future prospects, and what measures of legislation are required."

In response to this resolution the President might well have communicated to the Senate his views as to the necessity and policy of arming the slaves of the Confederacy as a means of public defense. No answer whatever has been made to the resolution. In addition to this, a joint committee was raised by Congress, under a concurrent resolution adopted in secret session on the 30th December, 1864. That committee, by the resolution creating it, was instructed "by conference with the President, and by such other means as they shall deem proper, to ascertain what are our reliable means of public defense, present and prospective."

A written report was made by the committee on January 25, 1865; and although it had a conference with the President, no allusion is made in the report to any suggestion by him that the necessities of the country required the employment of slaves as soldiers. Under these circumstances, Congress, influenced no doubt by the opinion of General Lee, determined for itself the propriety, policy, and necessity of adopting the measure in question.

The recommendations of the President—to employ 40,000 slaves as cooks, teamsters, and as engineer and pioneer laborers—was assented to, and a law has been enacted at the present session for the purpose, without limit as to number.

All the measures recommended by the President to promote the efficiency of the Army have been adopted, except the entire repeal of class exemptions, and some measures not suggested by him—such as the creation of the office of general in chief—were originated and passed by Congress, with a view to the restoration of public confidence, and the energetic administration of military affairs.

On the subject of exemptions the President, in his message of November 7, uses the following language: "No pursuit nor position should relieve anyone who is able to do active duty from enrollment in the Army, unless his functions or services are more useful to the defense of his country in another sphere. But it is manifest that this can not be the case with entire classes. All telegraph operators, workmen in mines, professors, teachers, engineers, editors, and employees of newspapers, journeymen printers, shoemakers, tanners, blacksmiths, millers, physicians, and numerous other classes mentioned in the laws can not, in the nature of things, be either equally necessary in their several professions nor distributed throughout the country in such proportions that only the exact numbers required are found in each locality," etc. The casual reader would infer that the laws, as they stood at the date of the message, exempted the classes enumerated by the President, as well as many other classes not mentioned by him. Such is not the fact. The only class exemptions allowed by the laws then in force were the following: Ministers of religion; superintendents and physicians of asylums for the deaf, dumb, and blind, and of the insane; one editor for each newspaper, and such employees as the editor may certify on oath as indispensably necessary; the public printers of the Confederate and State governments and their journeymen printers; one skilled apothecary in each apothecary store who was doing business as such on the 10th of October, 1862; physicians over 30 years of age, and for the last seven years in practice; presidents and teachers of colleges, seminaries, and schools, and the superintendents, physicians, and nurses in public hospitals; certain mail contractors and drivers of post coaches; certain officers and employees of railroad companies, and certain agriculturists or overseers.

Officers of the State governments are not properly included among the exempted classes, because it is conceded that Congress has no constitutional power to conscribe them as soldiers. Nor are Dunkards, Quakers, or other noncombatants regarded as belonging to class exemptions, because, under the act of June 7, 1864, the exemption of these persons is subject to the control of the Secretary of War. The exemption of agriculturists or overseers between the ages of 18 and 45 has been repealed at the present session. Tanners, shoemakers, millers, blacksmiths, telegraph operators, and workmen in mines, enumerated by the President as among the classes exempted, are not now and have not been since the passage of the act of 17th February, 1864, exempted as a class. If railroad officers and employees, and State officers, who are not constitutionally subject to conscription, be excluded, the classes now exempted east of the Mississippi River embrace about 9,000 men, one-third of whom are physicians, and nearly another third are ministers of the gospel; the remaining third is principally composed of teachers, professors, printers and employees in newspaper offices, and apothecaries.

In remarkable contrast to the number of persons relieved from military service by the exemptions above mentioned, the report of the Conscription Bureau exhibits the fact that east of the Mississippi River 22,035 men have been detailed by Executive authority. In consequence of this abuse of the power of detail, Congress, at its present session, passed an act revoking all details and limiting the exercise of that power in the future. The third section of this act, exempting skilled artisans and mechanics from all military service, which is excepted to by the President, and which has since been repealed, was originally adopted in consequence of suggestions contained in the report of the Secretary of War. In alluding to the embarrassments encountered by the administrative bureaus, the Secretary says: "In addition, they have been constrained, by the stringent legislation of Congress, to relinquish their most active and experienced agents and employees, and substitute them from more infirm and aged classes." Again: "Interferences of this kind are inevitably so prejudicial and disturbing, that it is hoped a well-devised and permanent system of providing and retaining in continuous employment a sufficient number of artisans, experts, and laborers for all essential operations may be devised and established." The truth is, that the bill originally introduced into the Senate, exempting skilled artisans and mechanics, was actually prepared in one of the bureaus of the War Department. Congress, therefore, had reason to suppose that it would meet the sanction of the Executive.

To conscribe the ministers of religion and require them to obtain details to preach the gospel, would shock the religious sentiment of the country, and inflict a greater injury on our cause than can be described. The conscription of editors and of the printers necessary to the publication of newspapers would destroy the independence of the press and subject it to the control of the executive department of the Government. The railroad officers and employees are as necessary to the prosecution of the war as soldiers in the field. Physicians and apothecaries are essential to the health of the people, and no complaint has reached Congress of abuses in this class of exemptions. If the education of youth be regarded as conducive to the maintenance

of society and the preservation of liberty, it is not perceived that the exemption of professors of colleges and teachers of schools can be justly censured. The Senate passed a bill containing a section repealing the exemption allowed to mail contractors and drivers of post coaches; but at a subsequent stage of proceedings, and on the recommendation of a committee of conference, based on the urgent remonstrances of the Postmaster-General, the section alluded to was stricken out.

The subject of class exemptions was called to the attention of Congress by the Executive message of November last. It was carefully considered, and an act was passed expressive of the views of the legislative department of the Government. The message under consideration recurs to the same subject. It is to be regretted that the views of the legislative department of the Government have not met the favor of the Executive, and that he should deem it both necessary and proper to express dissatisfaction with the matured opinion of Congress.

It is true that Congress has failed to respond to the recommendation of the President to enact a general militia law. The subject was considered, and the failure to act was the result of deliberation. The conscription laws enacted by Congress have placed in the military service of the country all its able-bodied citizens between the ages of 17 and 50. The whole military material of the country, so far as legislation is concerned, is absorbed by the conscription acts. There is none left on which a militia law can operate except the exempted classes and the boys under 17 and the men over 50 years of age. It was deemed expedient to allow this material to remain subject to the control of the State authorities for the purposes of local police, to aid in the arrest of deserters, and to enforce the administration of State laws.

It is also true that the President has recommended the passage of a law suspending the privilege of the writ of habeas corpus. This recommendation was the subject of a special message in secret session. It occupied the attention of Congress for four or five weeks. After mature deliberation the measure was laid aside as unimportant and inexpedient. Spies can be arrested and tried summarily without suspending the writ of habeas corpus. Conspiracies tending in any manner to the injury of our cause were provided for by a special act passed at the present session—to define and punish conspiracy against the Confederate States. The States of North Carolina, Georgia, and Mississippi had expressed, through their legislatures, great repugnance to the past legislation of Congress suspending the writ, and a large portion of the people throughout the country was arrayed against the policy of that legislation. It was deemed wise and prudent to conciliate opposition at a time when dissensions are ruinous; and as the benefits to be derived from the suspension of the writ were conjectural, the deliberate judgment of Congress was expressed by its silence on the subject. It is to be regretted that the Executive does not concur in these views, and again calls on Congress to revise its action and to suspend the writ of habeas corpus, as a measure “almost indispensable to the successful conduct of the war.” If the facts stated in the confidential message alluded to by the President be the basis of the opinion that the suspension of the writ “is indispensable to the successful conduct of the war,” the Congress does not concur in that opinion. The writ has not been suspended since August last. It is not perceived that the military reverses of the country since that period were occasioned by the absence of the legislation asked for.

In regard to impressments, Congress at the present session has passed a bill declaring that the terms “just compensation,” as used in the Constitution, entitle the owner whose property is impressed to the market value thereof at the time and place of impressment. This legislation was considered necessary in consequence of judicial decisions in some of the States and because of the difficulty of procuring supplies on any other terms. Indeed, it was supposed that the Executive had reached the same conclusion, as the Commissary-General, on the 20th December, 1864, had advertised that he would pay for supplies the price fixed by local appraisement, which is in fact the market price. The President, in his annual message of November last, did not call the attention of Congress to any difficulties attendant on the execution of the impressment laws. The present message, for the first time during this session, suggests modifications of those laws, and the recommendations of the President will doubtless receive the respectful consideration of Congress. It may well be doubted, however, whether the present specie value, payable in the future, will induce the owner of property to part with it, and whether the passage of such a measure would not result in a general concealment of provisions, and consequent starvation of the Army.

It is apprehended by the President that some degree of embarrassment in the management of the finances will be felt in consequence of the inadequate provision made by Congress, and it is intimated that some of the measures recommended by him were so retarded as to lose much of their value, and others after being matured were for the same reason abandoned, because no longer applicable to our altered condition.

The only financial measure abandoned after being matured was the currency bill recommended by the Secretary of the Treasury and indorsed by the President in his annual message. It may be remarked that the failure to enact any fiscal measure which has not sufficient vitality to render it valuable and applicable for the short period of four months does not deserve much regret. The currency bill was recommended to Congress and based on the condition the finances presented by the President in his message and by the Secretary of the Treasury in his report. It was abandoned without regret because, at a subsequent period of the session, it was ascertained that the arrears of public debt constituting cash demands on the Treasury exceeded by nearly four hundred millions the amount originally reported to Congress by the Secretary of the Treasury. The currency bill contemplated the reduction of the currency to one hundred and fifty millions by a conversion of Treasury notes into tithe certificates, payable after the war, and by an annual application of a portion of the taxes in the nature of a sinking fund. The Treasury notes received for tithe certificates were to be canceled. The military reverses, which impaired the credit of the Government to such an extent as to destroy the salability of any of its bonds left little hope that Treasury notes would be exchanged for tithe certificates. As soon as the enormous increase in the arrears of debt was discovered, as above mentioned, all idea of reducing the currency was abandoned as impracticable. For these reasons the committee of conference having charge of the currency bill agreed to abandon it as a useless pledge of future resources without corresponding present advantage. Indeed, if the bill had been passed the first day of the session it would have expired from inaction on the 9th of January, 1865, the day on which the Secretary of the Treasury reported to Congress the deficit of four hundred millions and recommended an increase of taxation to meet it.

The tax bill is regarded by the President as liberal, though inadequate. No nation on earth ever conducted a protracted war by resources derived from taxation alone. The message intimates a regret that the recommendation by the Secretary of the Treasury, of a tax on agricultural income, equal to the augmented tax on other income, payable in Treasury notes, was rejected by Congress. This is evidently a mistake, as it assumes there has been an increase of taxes on other than agricultural incomes. The present income taxes are those laid by the act of April, 1863, as amended and reenacted on the 17th of February, 1864. To require the agriculturist to pay a tax on the income derived from his farm, in addition to the one-tenth of his gross productions, and the property tax of 9 per cent *ad valorem* would be manifestly unjust and oppressive. After the delivery of his tithe, to tax the income of the agriculturist derived from the property producing the tithe would leave little for family subsistence, for the purchase of supplies necessary for carrying on his agricultural operations, and for the payment of the *ad valorem* tax on his property. Congress, therefore, did not concur in the recommendation of the Secretary of the Treasury, believing it to be highly inexpedient.

The recommendations of the Secretary of the Treasury have, in the main, received the approbation of Congress, and every disposition has been manifested to cooperate with him. The tax bill adopted very nearly approximates the rate desired by him. He recommended 10 per cent on property. Congress has imposed a tax of 9 per cent. A new foreign loan was authorized in secret session at his request, without any limitation on his authority, except as to the amount. A transfer of certain sterling funds abroad was, by joint resolution, directed to be made from the Navy to the Treasury. Efforts were made to raise specie. A bill was passed in the Senate, in secret session, to accomplish that object by the sale of certain licenses. It is understood the bill was defeated in the House of Representatives by the acquiescence, if not at the instigation, of the Secretary of the Treasury. It appears, from the correspondence submitted to Congress, that the Secretary of War, as early as the 18th of February, notified the President of the embarrassed condition of his Department, and it is to be regretted that the Executive deliberated on, and postponed for so long a period as nearly twenty days, the communication of that information to Congress.

If loss of time be a vice inherent in deliberative assemblies, promptitude is a great virtue in Executive action. There is every disposition on the part of Congress to comply with the recommendations of the President, and some means of raising the coin desired will no doubt be devised. It is unfortunate that the necessity for coin in the Commissary Department was not made known until the message under consideration was received. The use of coin in one department of the Government is calculated to superinduce the necessity for its use in all other departments; and hence the policy of the proposed measure, in a financial view, is very questionable. The necessity for supplies, however, overrides all other considerations. If practicable, it would be wiser to employ the specie in the purchase of Treasury notes and then use the notes to obtain supplies.

Nothing is more desirable than concord and cordial cooperation between all departments of Government. Hence your committee regret that the Executive deemed it necessary to transmit to Congress a message so well calculated to excite discord and dissension. But for the fact that the success of the great struggle in which the country is engaged depends as much on the confidence of the people in the legislative as in the executive department of the Government, the message would have been received without comment. Your committee would have preferred silence. It has been induced to an opposite course, because they believe Congress would be derelict in its duty to permit its legitimate and constitutional influence to be destroyed by Executive admonitions, such as those contained in the message under consideration, without some public exposition of its conduct.

The Senate proceeded to consider the said report: and

Resolved, That they concur therein.

On motion by Mr. Maxwell,

Ordered, That the injunction of secrecy be removed from the report and that it be printed.

On motion by Mr. Barnwell,

The Senate resolved into open legislative session.

EXECUTIVE SESSION.

The following message was received from the President of the Confederate States, by Mr. B. N. Harrison, his Secretary:

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT, CONFEDERATE STATES OF AMERICA,
Richmond, March 15, 1865.

To the Senate of the Confederate States:

Agreeably to the recommendation of the Secretary of War, I nominate the officers on the accompanying list to the grades affixed to their names, respectively.

JEFFERSON DAVIS.

No. 245.]

WAR DEPARTMENT, CONFEDERATE STATES OF AMERICA,
Richmond, March 4, 1865.

SIR: I have the honor to recommend the following nominations for appointment in the Provisional Army of the Confederate States of America:

First lieutenants—aids-de-camp.

Joseph V. Thomas, of Alabama, to be aid to Brigadier-General McNair (an original vacancy), to rank from December 11, 1864.

D. A. Given, jr., of Kentucky, to be aid to Brigadier-General Buford, vice Lieutenant Myers, resigned, to rank from February 22, 1865.

I am, sir, respectfully, your obedient servant,

JOHN C. BRECKINRIDGE,
Secretary of War.

To His Excellency JEFFERSON DAVIS,
President, etc.

The message was read.

The Senate proceeded to consider the nominations (contained in the President's message of this date) of Joseph V. Thomas and D. A. Given, jr., to be aids-de-camp, with the rank of first lieutenants; and

Resolved, That the Senate do advise and consent to their appointment, agreeably to the nomination of the President.

The following messages were received from the President of the Confederate States, by Mr. B. N. Harrison, his Secretary:

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT, CONFEDERATE STATES OF AMERICA,
Richmond, March 15, 1865.

To the Senate of the Confederate States:

Agreeably to the recommendation of the Secretary of War, I nominate Capt. J. H. Franklin, of ———, to be promoted to commissary, with the rank of major in the Provisional Army of the Confederate States of America.

JEFFERSON DAVIS.

No. 271.]

WAR DEPARTMENT, CONFEDERATE STATES OF AMERICA,
Richmond, March 13, 1865.

SIR: I have the honor to recommend the nomination of Capt. J. H. Franklin, of ———, to be promoted to commissary, with the rank of major in the Provisional Army of the Confederate States of America, for duty with artillery, First Corps, Army of Northern Virginia (an original vacancy), to rank from March 2, 1865.

I am, sir, respectfully, your obedient servant,

JOHN C. BRECKINRIDGE,
Secretary of War.

To His Excellency JEFFERSON DAVIS,
President, etc.

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT, CONFEDERATE STATES OF AMERICA,
Richmond, March 15, 1865.

To the Senate of the Confederate States:

Agreeably to the recommendation of the Secretary of War, I nominate the officers on the accompanying list to the grades affixed to their names, respectively.

JEFFERSON DAVIS.

No. 270.]

WAR DEPARTMENT, CONFEDERATE STATES OF AMERICA,
Richmond, March 13, 1865.

SIR: I have the honor to recommend the following nominations for appointment in the Provisional Army of the Confederate States of America:

Commissaries—majors.

A. Parker, of South Carolina, to rank from March 2, 1865.

T. H. Kellogg, of Virginia, to rank from March 2, 1865.

I am, sir, respectfully, your obedient servant,

JOHN C. BRECKINRIDGE,
Secretary of War.

To His Excellency JEFFERSON DAVIS,
President, etc.

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT, CONFEDERATE STATES OF AMERICA,
Richmond, March 15, 1865.

To the Senate of the Confederate States:

Agreeably to the recommendation of the Secretary of War, I nominate Capt. R. W. N. Noland, of Virginia, to be promoted to commissary, with the rank of major in the Provisional Army of the Confederate States of America.

JEFFERSON DAVIS.

No. 272.]

WAR DEPARTMENT, CONFEDERATE STATES OF AMERICA,
Richmond, March 14, 1865.

SIR: I have the honor to recommend the nomination of Capt. R. W. N. Noland, of Virginia, to be promoted to commissary, with the rank of major in the Provisional Army of the Confederate States of America, report to Commissary-General for assignment to duty, to rank from March 4, 1865.

I am, sir, respectfully, your obedient servant,

JOHN C. BRECKINRIDGE,
Secretary of War.

To His Excellency JEFFERSON DAVIS,
President, etc.

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT, CONFEDERATE STATES OF AMERICA,
Richmond, March 15, 1865.

To the Senate of the Confederate States:

Agreeably to the recommendation of the Secretary of War, I nominate the officers on the accompanying list to the grades affixed to their names, respectively.

JEFFERSON DAVIS.

No. 273.]

WAR DEPARTMENT, CONFEDERATE STATES OF AMERICA,
Richmond, March 15, 1865.

SIR: I have the honor to recommend the following nominations for appointment in the Provisional Army of the Confederate States of America:

Quartermasters—majors.

E. G. Mohler, of ———, to rank from March 4, 1865.

W. S. Harris, of Florida, to rank from June 15, 1864.

Assistant quartermasters—captains.

E. Sampson, of Texas, to rank from March 4, 1865.

Henry De Mahy, of Louisiana, to rank from March 2, 1865.

I am, sir, respectfully, your obedient servant,

JOHN C. BRECKINRIDGE,
Secretary of War.

To His Excellency JEFFERSON DAVIS,
President, etc.

The messages were severally read.

Ordered, That they be referred to the Committee on Military Affairs.

Mr. Wigfall, from the Committee on Military Affairs, to whom was referred (on the 14th December last) the nomination of Maj. Gen. J. B. Hood, to be general, with temporary rank (under act approved May 31, 1864), submitted a report (No. 2); which was read; accompanied by the following resolution; which was considered and agreed to:

Resolved, That General J. B. Hood having been appointed general, with temporary rank and command, and having been relieved from duty as commander of the Army of Tennessee, and not having been reappointed to any other command appropriate to the rank of general, he has lost the rank of general, and therefore can not be confirmed as such.

On motion by Mr. Burnett,

Ordered, That a copy of the foregoing resolution be presented to the President of the Confederate States.

Mr. Wigfall, from the Committee on Military Affairs, to whom was referred (on the 28th ultimo) the nomination of O. M. Messick, to be colonel Eleventh Texas Cavalry Regiment, reported, with the recommendation that said nomination be rejected.

The Senate proceeded to consider said report; and

Resolved, That the Senate do not advise and consent to the nomination of O. M. Messick, to be colonel.

Mr. Wigfall, from the Committee on Military Affairs, to whom was referred (on the 1st instant) the nomination of Thomas M. Hanckel, to be aid-de-camp, with the rank of first lieutenant, reported, with the recommendation that said nomination lie upon the table.

The Senate proceeded to consider said report; and

Resolved, That the nomination of Thomas M. Hanckel, to be aid-de-camp, with the rank of first lieutenant, lie upon the table.

Mr. Wigfall, from the Committee on Military Affairs, to whom was referred (on the 1st instant) the nomination of W. F. Perry, to be brigadier-general, reported, with the recommendation that said nomination be confirmed.

The Senate proceeded to consider said report; and in concurrence therewith, it was

Resolved, That the Senate do advise and consent to the appointment, agreeably to the nomination of the President.

Mr. Wigfall, from the Committee on Military Affairs, to whom was referred (on the 11th instant) the nomination of Maj. Gen. Stephen D. Lee, to be lieutenant-general, with temporary rank, reported, with the recommendation that said nomination be not confirmed.

The Senate proceeded to consider said report; and

After debate,

On the question,
Will the Senate advise and consent to the appointment of S. D. Lee,
to be lieutenant-general?

It was determined in the affirmative, { Yeas 11
Nays 5

On motion by Mr. Brown,

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present,
Those who voted in the affirmative are,

Messrs. Barnwell, Burnett, Graham, Hunter, Johnson of Missouri,
Maxwell, Orr, Semmes, Simms, Vest, and Watson.

Those who voted in the negative are,

Messrs. Brown, Caperton, Henry, Oldham, and Wigfall.

So it was

Resolved, That the Senate do advise and consent to the appointment
of S. D. Lee, to be lieutenant-general, agreeably to the nomination of
the President.

On motion by Mr. Caperton,

The Senate resolved into open legislative session.

FRIDAY, MARCH 17, 1865.

OPEN SESSION.

Mr. Wigfall, from the Committee on Military Affairs, to whom was
referred the bill (H. R. 440) to increase the pay and mileage of officers
traveling under orders, reported it without amendment.

The Senate proceeded, as in Committee of the Whole, to the con-
sideration of the said bill; and no amendment being proposed, it was
reported to the Senate.

Ordered, That it pass to a third reading.

The said bill was read the third time.

Resolved, That it pass.

Ordered, That the Secretary inform the House of Representatives
thereof.

Mr. Wigfall, from the Committee on Military Affairs, to whom was
referred the bill (H. R. 439) to increase the commutation value of
hospital rations for a limited time, reported it without amendment.

The Senate proceeded, as in Committee of the Whole, to the con-
sideration of the said bill; and no amendment being proposed, it was
reported to the Senate.

On the question,

Shall the bill be read a third time?

It was determined in the negative.

So the bill was rejected.

Ordered, That the Secretary inform the House of Representatives
thereof.

Mr. Brown (by leave) introduced

A bill (S. 229) to regulate the assimilated rank between officers of
the Army and Navy;
which was read the first and second times and referred to the Commit-
tee on Military Affairs.

On motion by Mr. Burnett,

The Senate resolved into executive session.

The doors having been opened,

Mr. Caperton, from the committee, reported that they had examined
and found truly enrolled bills of the following titles:

S. 215. An act to appropriate money to pay the expenses of the
Joint Select Committee on the Subject of the Treatment and Exchange
of Prisoners; and

H. R. 437. An act to grant transportation to discharged and disabled soldiers.

The President pro tempore having signed the enrolled bills last reported to have been examined, they were delivered to the Secretary of the Senate and by him forthwith presented to the President of the Confederate States for his approval.

Mr. Semmes, from the joint select committee appointed to prepare an address to the people of the Confederate States, submitted a report (No. 12); which was read.

Ordered, That it be printed.

A message from the House of Representatives, by Mr. Lamar, their Clerk:

Mr. President: The Speaker of the House of Representatives having signed sundry enrolled bills, I am directed to bring them to the Senate for the signature of their President.

A message from the President of the Confederate States, by Mr. B. N. Harrison, his Secretary:

Mr. President: The President of the Confederate States, on the 17th instant, approved and signed an act (S. 215) to appropriate money to pay the expenses of the Joint Select Committee on the Subject of the Treatment and Exchange of Prisoners.

Ordered, That the Secretary inform the House of Representatives thereof.

A message from the House of Representatives, by Mr. Dalton:

Mr. President: The President of the Confederate States has notified the House of Representatives that on the 16th instant he approved and signed the following acts and joint resolutions:

H. R. 350. An act to diminish the number of exemptions and details;

H. R. 418. An act relative to the impressment of slaves;

H. R. 421. An act for the relief of the Exchange Bank of Virginia, at Norfolk;

H. R. 429. An act making appropriations for the support of the Government of the Confederate States of America from July 1 to December 31, 1865, and to supply deficiencies;

H. R. 435. An act to establish a certain post route therein named;

H. R. 35. Joint resolution for the relief of Stephen B. Marshall, jr., tax collector of Putnam County, Ga.; and

H. R. 36. Joint resolution for the relief of William C. Hagan.

On motion by Mr. Watson,

Ordered, That when the Senate adjourn it be to 10 o'clock a. m. to-morrow.

A message from the House of Representatives, by Mr. Lamar, their Clerk:

Mr. President: The House of Representatives have passed a resolution adopting the address of the joint select committee of the two Houses to the people of the Confederate States; in which they request the concurrence of the Senate.

The Senate proceeded to consider the resolution of the House of Representatives last mentioned; and

Resolved, That they concur therein.

Ordered, That the Secretary inform the House of Representatives thereof.

On motion by Mr. Watson,

Ordered, That the Senate take a recess until 8 o'clock p. m.

8 O'CLOCK P. M.

Mr. Caperton, from the committee, reported that they had examined and found truly enrolled bills of the following titles:

S. 204. An act to authorize the Secretary of the Treasury to receive specie from the several States of the Confederacy and use the same for the benefit of said States;

S. 227. An act to amend the act to regulate the business of conscription, approved March 7, 1865;

H. R. 412. An act to authorize the President of the Confederate States to organize, in the city of Richmond and county of Henrico, a volunteer force for temporary service; and

H. R. 440. An act to increase the pay and mileage of officers traveling under orders.

The President pro tempore having signed the enrolled bills last reported to have been examined, they were delivered to the Secretary of the Senate and by him forthwith presented to the President of the Confederate States for his approval.

Mr. Oldham submitted the following resolution; which was considered and agreed to:

Resolved, That the compensation of the pages of the Senate shall be increased fifty per cent on the amount received by them during the present session; the said increase to be paid out of the contingent fund of the Senate.

A message from the House of Representatives, by Mr. Dalton:

Mr. President: The President of the Confederate States having returned to the House of Representatives the bill (H. R. 420) to provide for the payment of arrears now due to the Army and Navy, with his objections thereto, the House proceeded to reconsider the bill; and,

Resolved, That the bill do pass, two-thirds of the members present voting therefor.

I am directed by the House of Representatives to communicate the said bill, together with the message of the President returning the same with his objections, to the Senate.

On motion by Mr. Watson,

The Senate adjourned.

SECRET SESSION.

Mr. Caperton submitted the following resolution; which was considered and agreed to:

Resolved, That the Sergeant-at-Arms of the Senate be directed to pay, out of the contingent fund of the Senate, to the several officers of the Senate, mileage to their respective places of residence, according to the rates now allowed by law to Senators.

A message from the House of Representatives, by Mr. Lamar, their Clerk:

Mr. President: The Speaker of the House of Representatives having signed an enrolled bill, I am directed to bring it to the Senate for the signature of their President.

Mr. Caperton, from the committee, reported that they had examined and found truly enrolled

A bill (H. R. 438) to raise coin for the purpose of furnishing necessary supplies for the Army.

The President pro tempore having signed the enrolled bill last reported to have been examined, it was delivered to the Secretary of

the Senate and by him forthwith presented to the President of the Confederate States for his approval.

On motion by Mr. Semmes,

The Senate resolved into open legislative session.

EXECUTIVE SESSION.

On motion by Mr. Burnett, from the Committee on Military Affairs, by unanimous consent,

The vote on confirming the nominations of A. Parker, T. H. Kellogg, and J. H. Franklin, to be quartermasters, with the rank of major, was reconsidered.

The Senate proceeded to consider said nominations; and

Ordered, That they lie upon the table.

Mr. Wigfall, from the Committee on Military Affairs, to whom were referred (on the 16th instant) the nominations of E. G. Mohler and W. S. Harris, to be quartermasters, with the rank of major; E. Sampson and Henry De Mahy, to be assistant quartermasters, with the rank of captain; and J. H. Franklin, R. W. N. Noland, A. Parker, and T. H. Kellogg, to be commissaries, with the rank of major, reported, with the recommendation that said nominations be confirmed.

The Senate proceeded to consider said report; and in concurrence therewith, it was

Resolved, That the Senate do advise and consent to their appointment, agreeably to the nomination of the President.

The following messages were received from the President of the Confederate States, by Mr. B. N. Harrison, his Secretary:

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT, CONFEDERATE STATES OF AMERICA,

Richmond, March 17, 1865.

To the Senate of the Confederate States:

Agreeably to the recommendation of the Secretary of War, I nominate George F. Crockett, of Texas, to be an assistant quartermaster, with the rank of captain in the Provisional Army of the Confederate States of America.

JEFFERSON DAVIS.

No. 277.]

WAR DEPARTMENT, CONFEDERATE STATES OF AMERICA,

Richmond, March 17, 1865.

SIR: I have the honor to recommend the nomination of George F. Crockett, of Texas, to be an assistant quartermaster, with the rank of captain in the Provisional Army of the Confederate States of America, for duty collecting "tax in kind" in Texas, to rank from March 17, 1865.

I am, sir, respectfully, your obedient servant,

JOHN C. BRECKINRIDGE,

Secretary of War.

To His Excellency JEFFERSON DAVIS,

President, &c.

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT, CONFEDERATE STATES OF AMERICA,

Richmond, March 17, 1865.

To the Senate of the Confederate States:

Agreeably to the recommendation of the Secretary of War, I nominate Capt. T. W. Hall, to be promoted to major in the Adjutant-General's Department, Provisional Army of the Confederate States of America.

JEFFERSON DAVIS.

No. 278.]

WAR DEPARTMENT, CONFEDERATE STATES OF AMERICA,

Richmond, March 17, 1865.

SIR: I have the honor to recommend the nomination of Capt. T. W. Hall, of Texas, to be promoted to major in the Adjutant-General's Department, Provisional

Army of the Confederate States of America, report for duty to the Adjutant and Inspector General, to rank from March 17, 1865.

I am, sir, respectfully, your obedient servant,

JOHN C. BRECKINRIDGE,
Secretary of War.

To His Excellency JEFFERSON DAVIS,
President, etc.

The messages were severally read.

Ordered, That they be referred to the Committee on Military Affairs.

Mr. Wigfall, from the Committee on Military Affairs, to whom were referred (on this day) the nominations of T. W. Hall, to be major in the Adjutant-General's Department, and George F. Crockett, to be an assistant quartermaster, with the rank of captain, reported, with the recommendation that said nominations be confirmed.

The Senate proceeded to consider said report; and in concurrence therewith, it was

Resolved, That the Senate do advise and consent to their appointment, agreeably to the nomination of the President.

The following messages were received from the President of the Confederate States, by Mr. B. N. Harrison, his Secretary:

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT, CONFEDERATE STATES OF AMERICA,
Richmond, March 17, 1865.

To the Senate of the Confederate States:

Agreeably to the recommendation of the Secretary of War, I nominate E. M. Roberts, of South Carolina, to be an assistant surgeon in the Provisional Army of the Confederate States of America.

JEFFERSON DAVIS.

No. 276.] WAR DEPARTMENT, CONFEDERATE STATES OF AMERICA,
Richmond, March 16, 1865.

SIR: I have the honor to recommend the nomination of E. M. Roberts, of South Carolina, to be an assistant surgeon in the Provisional Army of the Confederate States of America, to rank from June 24, 1864.

I am, sir, respectfully, your obedient servant,

JOHN C. BRECKINRIDGE,
Secretary of War.

To His Excellency JEFFERSON DAVIS,
President, etc.

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT, CONFEDERATE STATES OF AMERICA,
Richmond, March 17, 1865.

To the Senate of the Confederate States:

Agreeably to the recommendation of the Secretary of War, I nominate Isaac Williams, of North Carolina, to be captain of Hockaday's company, Eighth Regiment North Carolina Senior Reserves.

JEFFERSON DAVIS.

No. 275.] WAR DEPARTMENT, CONFEDERATE STATES OF AMERICA,
Richmond, March 15, 1865.

SIR: I have the honor to recommend the nomination of Isaac Williams, of North Carolina, to be captain of Hockaday's company, Eighth Regiment North Carolina Senior Reserves, vice Captain Hockaday, deceased (the officers entitled to promotion waiving claims), to rank from March 8, 1865.

I am, sir, respectfully, your obedient servant,

JOHN C. BRECKINRIDGE,
Secretary of War.

To His Excellency JEFFERSON DAVIS,
President, etc.

The messages were severally read.

The Senate proceeded to consider the nominations (contained in the President's messages of this day) of Isaac Williams, to be captain of reserves, and E. M. Roberts, to be assistant surgeon; and

Resolved, That the Senate do advise and consent to their appointment, agreeably to the nomination of the President.

On motion by Mr. Watson,

The Senate resolved into open legislative session.

SATURDAY, MARCH 18, 1865.

OPEN SESSION.

A message from the House of Representatives, by Mr. Dalton:

Mr. President: The President of the Confederate States has notified the House of Representatives that on the 17th instant he approved and signed the following acts:

H. R. 341. An act requiring suit to be brought against persons connected with the Cotton Bureau and Cotton Office in the Trans-Mississippi Department;

H. R. 419. An act to amend an act providing for the establishment and payment of claims for a certain description of property taken or informally impressed for the use of the Army, approved 14th June, 1864;

H. R. 434. An act to amend an act entitled "An act to diminish the number of exemptions and details;" and

H. R. 437. An act to grant transportation to discharged and disabled soldiers.

Mr. Watson submitted the following resolution; which was considered and agreed to:

Resolved (the House of Representatives concurring), That the hour fixed for the adjournment of the present session of Congress be extended to two o'clock post-meridian this day.

Ordered, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the House of Representatives therein.

Mr. Watson, from the Joint Select Committee on the Treatment and Exchange of Prisoners, submitted a report (No. 13); which was ordered to lie upon the table and be printed.

A message from the President of the Confederate States, by Mr. B. N. Harrison, his Secretary:

Mr. President: The President of the Confederate States has to-day approved and signed the following acts:

S. 204. An act to authorize the Secretary of the Treasury to receive specie from the several States of the Confederacy and use the same for the benefit of said States; and

S. 227. An act to amend the act to regulate the business of conscription, approved March 7, 1865.

Ordered, That the Secretary inform the House of Representatives thereof.

On motion by Mr. Watson,

The Senate resolved into executive session.

The doors having been opened,

The following message was received from the House of Representatives, by Mr. Dalton:

Mr. President: The President of the Confederate States has notified the House of Representatives that he has this day approved and signed the following acts:

H. R. 412. An act to authorize the President of the Confederate States to organize, in the city of Richmond and county of Henrico, a volunteer force for temporary service;

H. R. 431. An act for the relief of the officers and employees of the Treasury Note Bureau; and

H. R. 440. An act to increase the pay and mileage of officers traveling under orders. The House of Representatives have agreed to the resolution of the Senate extending the hour fixed for the adjournment of the present session of Congress to 2 o'clock p. m. this day.

On motion by Mr. Wigfall,

Ordered, That the Committee on Military Affairs be discharged from the further consideration of the message of the President of the 1st instant communicating copies of the correspondence of the President and the War Department with Gen. Joseph E. Johnston while he was in command of the Army of Tennessee in the field, and that the message, together with the accompanying documents, be printed for the use of the Senate.

Mr. Oldham, from the Committee on the Judiciary, to whom had been referred the bill (H. R. 441) to suspend the privilege of the writ of habeas corpus, submitted a report (No. 14); which was ordered to lie upon the table and be printed.

On motion by Mr. Wigfall,

Ordered, That the Committee on Military Affairs be discharged from the further consideration of the message of the President of the 7th instant communicating the report of Gen. J. B. Hood of the operations of the Army of Tennessee while under his command, and that the message, together with the accompanying documents, be printed for the use of the Senate.

Mr. Wigfall, from the Committee on Military Affairs, to whom was referred the bill (S. 229) to regulate the assimilated rank between officers of the Army and Navy, reported it with the recommendation that it ought not to pass.

A message from the House of Representatives, by Mr. Dalton:

Mr. President: The House of Representatives have passed the bill of the Senate (S. 228) to amend an act entitled "An act to regulate impressments," approved March 26, 1863, as amended by the act approved February 16, 1864.

Mr. Henry presented a series of resolutions passed at a meeting of the officers and men of the Thirty-first and Forty-third regiments of Tennessee cavalry, in relation to the prosecution of the war; which were ordered to lie upon the table and be printed.

A message from the President of the Confederate States, by Mr. B. N. Harrison, his Secretary:

Mr. President: The President of the Confederate States has this day approved and signed an act (S. 181) to amend the law in relation to impressments.

Ordered, That the Secretary inform the House of Representatives thereof.

A message from the House of Representatives, by Mr. Dalton:

Mr. President: The House of Representatives have passed a bill (H. R. 442) supplemental to an act entitled "An act to diminish the number of exemptions and details;" in which they request the concurrence of the Senate.

The Speaker of the House of Representatives having signed an enrolled bill, I am directed to bring it to the Senate for the signature of their President.

The bill (H. R. 442) supplemental to an act entitled "An act to diminish the number of exemptions and details" was read the first and second times and considered as in Committee of the Whole; and no amendment being proposed, it was reported to the Senate.

Ordered, That it pass to a third reading.

The said bill was read the third time.

Resolved, That it pass.

Ordered, That the Secretary inform the House of Representatives thereof.

Mr. Caperton, from the committee, reported that they had examined and found truly enrolled

A bill (S. 228) to amend an act entitled "An act to regulate impressments," approved March 26, 1863, as amended by the act approved February 16, 1864.

The President pro tempore having signed the enrolled bill last reported to have been examined, it was delivered to the Secretary of the Senate and by him forthwith presented to the President of the Confederate States for his approval.

A message from the House of Representatives, by Mr. Dalton:

Mr. President: The House of Representatives have passed the bill of the Senate (S. 225) to amend the tenth section of the act entitled "An act to organize forces to serve during the war."

The Speaker of the House of Representatives having signed an enrolled bill, I am directed to bring it to the Senate for the signature of their President.

Mr. Watson submitted the following resolution: which was considered and agreed to:

Resolved, That a committee be appointed, to join such committee as may be appointed by the House of Representatives, to wait upon the President of the Confederate States, and inform him that if he has no further communication to make the two Houses are now ready to adjourn.

On motion by Mr. Watson,

Ordered, That the committee on the part of the Senate be appointed by the President pro tempore; and

Mr. Watson, Mr. Oldham, and Mr. Henry were appointed.

Ordered, That the Secretary inform the House of Representatives thereof.

Mr. Caperton, from the committee, reported that they had examined and found truly enrolled

A bill (H. R. 442) supplemental to an act entitled "An act to diminish the number of exemptions and details."

The President pro tempore having signed the enrolled bill last reported to have been examined, it was delivered to the Secretary of the Senate and by him forthwith presented to the President of the Confederate States for his approval.

A message from the House of Representatives, by Mr. Lamar, their Clerk:

Mr. President: The House of Representatives have appointed a committee, to join the committee appointed by the Senate, to wait upon the President of the Confederate States and inform him that, if he has no further communication to make the two Houses are now ready to adjourn; and they have appointed Mr. Conrad of Louisiana, Mr. Clark of Missouri, and Mr. Gholson of Virginia, the committee on their part.

A message from the President of the Confederate States, by Mr. B. N. Harrison, his Secretary:

Mr. President: The President of the Confederate States has this day approved and signed an act (S. 228) to amend an act entitled "An act to regulate impressments," approved March 26, 1863, as amended by the act approved February 16, 1864.

Ordered, That the Secretary inform the House of Representatives thereof.

A message from the House of Representatives, by Mr. Lamar, their Clerk:

Mr. President: The Speaker of the House of Representatives having signed an enrolled bill, I am directed to bring it to the Senate for the signature of their President.

Mr. Caperton, from the committee, reported that they had examined and found truly enrolled

A bill (S. 225) to amend the tenth section of the act entitled "An act to organize forces to serve during the war."

The President pro tempore having signed the enrolled bill last reported to have been examined, it was delivered to the Secretary of the Senate and by him forthwith presented to the President of the Confederate States for his approval.

A message from the House of Representatives, by Mr. Dalton:

Mr. President: The President of the Confederate States has notified the House of Representatives that he has this day approved and signed an act (H. R. 442) supplemental to an act entitled "An act to diminish the number of exemptions and details."

A message from the President of the Confederate States, by Mr. B. N. Harrison, his Secretary:

Mr. President: The President of the Confederate States has this day approved and signed an act (S. 225) to amend the tenth section of the act entitled "An act to organize forces to serve during the war."

Ordered, That the Secretary inform the House of Representatives thereof.

Mr. Watson, from the committee appointed on the part of the Senate, jointly with the committee appointed on the part of the House of Representatives, to wait upon the President of the Confederate States and inform him that if he has no further communication to make the two Houses are now ready to adjourn, reported

That they had discharged the duty assigned them, and that the President replied that he had no further communication to make.

The Senate proceeded to reconsider the bill (H. R. 420) entitled "An act to provide for the payment of arrears now due to the Army and Navy," returned by the President of the Confederate States to the House of Representatives, with his objections, and passed by the House of Representatives on a reconsideration of the same; and

On the question,

Shall this bill pass, the objections of the President to the contrary notwithstanding?

The vote having been taken by yeas and nays, conformably to the Constitution.

Those who voted in the affirmative are,

Messrs. Brown, Burnett, Caperton, Henry, Hunter, Johnson of Missouri, Oldham, Simms, Vest, Watson, and Wigfall.

Mr. Semmes voted in the negative.

The number of Senators voting not constituting a quorum of the Senate,

The President pro tempore announced that the hour fixed for the adjournment of the two Houses of Congress, by their resolution of this day, had arrived, and declared the Senate to be adjourned sine die.

SECRET SESSION.

A message from the House of Representatives, by Mr. Dalton:

Mr. President: The President of the Confederate States has notified the House of Representatives that on the 17th instant he approved and signed an act (H. R. 438) to raise coin for the purpose of furnishing necessary supplies for the Army.

On motion by Mr. Semmes,

Ordered, That the injunction of secrecy be removed from the proceedings of the Senate on the bill (H. R. 438) last mentioned.

On motion by Mr. Caperton,

The Senate resolved into open legislative session.

EXECUTIVE SESSION.

The following message was received from the President of the Confederate States, by Mr. B. N. Harrison, his Secretary:

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT, CONFEDERATE STATES OF AMERICA,

Richmond, March 18, 1865.

To the Senate of the Confederate States:

Agreeably to the recommendation of the Secretary of War, I nominate the officers on the accompanying list to the grades affixed to their names, respectively.

JEFFERSON DAVIS.

No. 279.]

WAR DEPARTMENT, CONFEDERATE STATES OF AMERICA,

Richmond, March 17, 1865.

SIR: I have the honor to recommend the following nominations for appointment in the Provisional Army of the Confederate States of America:

Major-generals.

Brig. Gen. J. S. Marmaduke, of Missouri, to rank from March 17, 1865.

Brig. Gen. T. J. Churchill, of Arkansas, to rank from March 17, 1865.

Brigadier-generals.

Col. R. M. Gano, of Texas, to rank from March 17, 1865.

Col. Walter P. Lane, of Texas, to rank from March 17, 1865.

Col. W. P. Hardeman, of Texas, to rank from March 17, 1865.

Col. R. Waterhouse, of Texas, to rank from March 17, 1865.

Col. Henry Gray, of Louisiana, to rank from March 17, 1865.

I am, sir, respectfully, your obedient servant,

JOHN C. BRECKINRIDGE,

Secretary of War.

To His Excellency JEFFERSON DAVIS,

President, &c.

The message was read.

Ordered, That it be referred to the Committee on Military Affairs.

Mr. Wigfall, from the Committee on Military Affairs, to whom were referred (on this day) the nominations of J. S. Marmaduke and T. J. Churchill, to be major-generals, and R. M. Gano, Walter P. Lane, W. P. Hardeman, R. Waterhouse, and Henry Gray, to be brigadier-generals, reported, with the recommendation that all of said nominations be confirmed.

The Senate proceeded to consider said report; and in concurrence therewith, it was

Resolved, That the Senate do advise and consent to their appointment, agreeably to the nomination of the President.

On motion by Mr. Wigfall,

Ordered, That the vote on confirming the nomination of T. J. Churchill, to be major-general, be reconsidered.

The Senate proceeded to consider said nomination; and

Resolved, That the Senate do advise and consent to the appointment, agreeably to the nomination of the President.

Mr. Wigfall, from the Committee on Foreign Relations, to whom was referred the message of the President of December 16, 1864,

transmitting certain correspondence between the Secretary of State and the commissioners of the Confederate States now in Europe, reported back the same and asked to be discharged therefrom.

The Senate proceeded to consider said report; and

Resolved, That the committee be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

Mr. Oldham, from the Committee on Post-Offices and Post-Roads, to whom was referred (on the 14th instant) the message of the President relative to the removal from office of W. H. Robertson, post-master at Osborne's Ford, Davis County, Va., reported back the same and asked to be discharged from the further consideration of the same.

The Senate proceeded to consider said report; and

Resolved, That the committee be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

On motion by Mr. Semmes,

The Senate resolved into secret legislative session.

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